# DEEP SEA MOLLUSCA FROM WEST OF CAPE POINT, SOUTH AFRICA

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# INTRODUCTION

The material described here was obtained by Dr. F. H. Talbot of the South African Museum, on board the R.S. *Africana II* of the Division of Sea Fisheries in August and December 1959, at twelve stations off Cape Point and west of the Cape Peninsula. It comprises approximately 590 specimens, of which more than half are Prosobranch Gastropods. The number of species in the groups is as follows: Gastropods 43; Heteropods 2; Pteropods 5; Tectibranchs 2; Nudibranch 1; Solenogastres 2–3; Scaphopods 6; Cephalopods 3–4; Lamellibranchs 11; Brachipod 1. Total: about 78.

One Cephalopod is here recorded. Two or three species of Octopods were also obtained, but these have not yet been identified.

An attempt has been made to identify the Solenogastres, but owing to technical difficulties in section-cutting, the attempt has been temporarily postponed. There appear to be two, possibly three, species.

The material contains several species obtained many years ago by the Cape Government trawler s.s. *Pieter Faure*, under the direction of the late Dr. J. D. F. Gilchrist. The *Africana II*, however, has sampled depths greater than those worked by the *Pieter Faure*. Therefore, as might have been expected, several new records and new species have been obtained.

Most of the new forms belong to the family *Turritidae* (Gastropoda); the *Pieter Faure* also collected more representatives of this family than of any other; and similar results have been obtained in other regions by other expeditions.

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The most interesting discovery has been the Volute *Guivillea alabastrina* (Watson), originally taken by the *Challenger* between Marion Island and the Crozets; and later by the *Scotia* near the South Orkneys.

Some of the species have already been recorded in Part III of the author's 'Contributions to . . . fauna of South African Marine Mollusca', and in the *Journal of Conchology* (see list of titles).

The whole collection made by Dr. Talbot and submitted to me for report is now deposited in the South African Museum and is catalogued with South African Museum registration numbers.

The Lamont Geological Observatory research vessel *Vema* obtained abyssal molluscs from stations off the west coast of South Africa and south-west of Cape Town (St. 14, 16, 18, 51, 52, 53), which have been reported on by Clarke (1961). This author seems to have been misinformed as to the true position of the Agulhas Basin, and has erroneously localized Stations 51 and 52 (1,000 and 800 miles respectively *south-west* of Cape Town) in the 'Agulhas' Basin. The naming of two new species from Station 51 as 'agulhasae' is also very misleading.

List	OF	Species
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GASTROPODS

	Station
	No.
<i>Terebra</i> sp	A322 1 dead; more material wanted
Surcula scalaria Brnrd. 1958	A189 3 dead
	A190 2 dead
	A191 2 living
	A192 I living
	A193 I living, I dead (fresh)
Clavatula lobatopsis n sn	A315 2 living
Giudululu lobalopsis II. sp	$A_{316 1}$ living
	A317 11 living
	A318 2 living
	A319 1 dead
	A322 6 living, 3 dead
Moniliopsis psilarosis n. sp.	J A316 I living, I dead
	(A322 3 dead
Typhlomangelia(?) polythele n. sp.	A317 2 living
	A193 2 living
Cythara(?) glaucocreas n. sp	$\therefore$ A315 I dead (ex anemone)
	(A318 1 living, 2 dead (ex anemone)
	Algi 5 living
Cuthena (2) dag ama n an	Ange g dead
Cymara(!) aagama n. sp	Aging r dead
	Agon Lliving Livy dead
	(A322 I nving, I Juv. dead

		A191 I living, I dead A317 6 dead
Typhlosyrinx pyrropelex n. sp.	•••	$A_{3182}$ dead
		Aggg a living
Tubblosuring chrysophelag n sn		A 222 J living
Typhiosyrinx curysopered n. sp.	• •	A 218 L living L dead
Philbertia cala (Watson)	•••	A316 3 living
		(A180 I dead
Mangilia sp		$\ldots$ A315 I dead
		A317 2 dead
Daphnella(?) verecunda n. sp.		A189 2 living, 1 dead
Daphnella(?) bitrudis n. sp.		A193 2 dead
Cumuchala an		$\int A_1 8_9 I dead;$ more material wanted
Gymnobela sp	••	··· A317 1 dead
2 Con (Turritidae)		$\int A_{317}$ 1 dead; more material wanted
: Gen. (Turrituae)	••	··· A319 2 dead
Cancellaria euthymei Brnrd. 1960	)	A322 I living
Admete decapensis Brnrd. 1960	••	A315 I living
		$A_{315}$ 1 dead (apex only)
		A316 1 protoconch
Guivillea alabastrina (Watson)		A317 I fragment (columella)
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		A319 I dead (half grown)
		A322 I dead (hall grown) and Irag-
2 Care (2E-mid-mid-m)		Act a dead (or enemone), more
Gen. (Fasciolarilaae)	••	A315 2 dead (ex anemone), more material wanted
		(A180 2 living, I dead
Charitodoron pasithea Tomlin	••	$A_{322}$ I dead
		(A190 I living
		A191 I living
Charitodoron thalia Tomlin		A192 2 living
Charloudron inalia 1011111	••	A193 2 living, 1 dead
		A318 1 living
		A322 5 dead
Nux alabaster Brnrd. 1960		A 190 I living
		(A310 2 living
Neptunea honae-spein sp		A 218 2 living 2 dead
e spiniou vonus spor 11. spi		A322 I living
		A315 I living
Prosipho torquatus n. sp		\ A317 1 dead
		A322 1 dead

Purene of profundi Dall	∫A193 1 dead
1 yrene Ci. projunut Dali	··· A322 8 living, 10 dead
	A189 4 living, 7 dead
	A191 9 living, 2 dead
	A192 2 living
	A193 8 living, 1 dead
Trophon acceptans Brnrd. 1959	$\ldots \langle A_{315} 4 $ living, 1 dead
	A316 2 living, 2 dead
	A317 10 living
	A319 2 living
	A322 3 dead
Trophon cf. droueti Dautzenberg	A322 3 dead
Columbarium rotundum Brnrd. 1959	A189 6 living, 16 dead
Columbarium angulare Brnrd. 1959	A318 2 living, 4 dead
	A190 I living
Thallassocian honus Brard 1060	A193 1 living
Thallassocyon oonus Diina. 1900	$(A_{315 1} \text{ dead})$
	A317 1 living
	A190 2 dead
	A192 2 living, 1 dead
	A193 1 and 2 juv. living
Oöcorvs watsoni Locard	A316 1 dead (large)
	A317 2 dead
	A318 1 living, 2 dead
	A <sub>319</sub> I living, 18 dead
	A322 2 living, 3 dead
	A189 I living
	A190 I dead
	A191 3 living
Polynices cleistopsila Brnrd. 1903	A192 2  dead
	A317 1 living, 2 dead
	Agag a dead
Estiluation to a detail Derest and	Assa a lising
Turbonilla cp. (of knowsi)	A315 I living
Cerithiella taylori Brond 1060	A LOO L dead
Lamellaria capansis Bergh	Aath a living
Lamenania capensis Dergii	(Asoa a living
Scala bonae-spei Brnrd. 1963	$\therefore$ A 2.6 x living
	(Aloo I dood
Abyssochrysos melanioides Tomlin	··· A A LO A living 5 dood
	(Aloo Lliving, 5 dead
Calliotropis metallica (WM. & A.)	··· ) Assa Lliving
	Cri322 I nving

Callintropis pompe n sp.	∫A316 1 dead
	$A_{317}$ 1 living, 1 dead
Basilissa gelida n. sp	A190 I living
Calliostoma glaucophaos n. sp	A318 2 living
? Solariella	A190 1 dead; more material wanted
HETEROPODS	
Atlanta sp	A193 I dead
Cardiapoda richardi Vayss	A190 I living
PTEROPODS	
	(A180 a dead
	A LOO 18 dead
	A LOS L4 dead
	Asis 4 dead
Cavolinia tridentata (Forskal)	$\therefore$ A 217 L dead
	A 218 LL dead
	Agio 24 dead
	Assa a dead
Cavolinia limbata D'Orb	A LOO L dead
Cavolinia ? globulosa	$A_{315}$ 2 dead
Diacria trispinosa (Lesueur)	$\therefore (A_{100 \text{ L}} \text{ dead})$
	$A_{322}$ 3 dead
Herse (Cuvieria) columnella (Rang)	$A_{322} 2 dead$
TECTIBRANCHS	
	∫A192 1 juv. living
	A315 3 living
Scaphander hunch strigtis Michols	A317 1 living
Scaphanaer paneto-striaits Wilgheis	A318 I living
	A319 3 dead
	A322 1 juv. living
Gastropteron sp	∫A318 1 living
	∠A319 1 living
NUDIBRANCHS	
Doridoxa benthalis n. sp	A316 I
SOLENOGASTRES	<u> </u>
	AIgi
In course of study	$\int A_{193}$
	A316 (large)
	(A310 (small)
SCAPHOPODS	
Dentalium capense Tomlin	A189 1 living, 2 dead

Dentalium eualdes n. sp	A190 I living A191 8 living A192 I and I juv. living A193 14 living, 3 dead A315 I adult living, I juv. dead A317 18 living, 2 dead A318 I living, I dead A319 12 living, I dead A322 4 living, I juv. dead
Dentalium lardum n. sp	$\left\{\begin{array}{c} A_{193} \ 5 \ dead \\ A_{318} \ 2 \ dead \\ A_{322} \ 1 \ living, \ 1 \ juv. \ dead \\ A_{4322} \ 1 \ dead \\ A_{512} \ dead \ dead \\ A_{512} \ dead $
Dentalium sp. (9 ribs)	$\begin{array}{c} \text{A160 2 dead, more material wanted} \\ \text{A315 1 dead} \\ \text{A322 2 dead} \end{array}$
Dentalium sp. (18–22 ribs)	A189 17 dead; more material wanted
Cadulus promontorii Brnrd. MS	A189 3 living
CEPHALOPODS	
Eggs	$ \begin{array}{c} & & \\ & & $
Octopus sp. 5	A189 I
Octopus sp. juv	A192 I
<i>Octopus</i> sp	Азів і
Octopus sp. large	Аз19 і
Octopus sp. small	Аз19 і
Leachia cyclura Lesueur	A192 I
LAMELLIBRANCHS	
Nucula (Pronucula) benguelana Clarke	A322 I living
, , <u>,</u>	(A317 2 living
Malletia estheriopsis non	A319 3 living
<i>interest estimatopsis</i> in sp	A321 I living
	A322 2 living
Leda parsimonia n. sp	A <sub>317</sub> I living
	A190 I living
Leda macella n. sp	$\therefore$ A217 L living
	A319 a lot living
? Sarepta sp	A322 I valve

		A190 3 living
	•••	A191 17 living
		A192 12 living
Time the second se		A193 10 living
Limopsis Cl. straminea Shifti		$\therefore$ A315 3 living
		A317 6 living, 5 valves
		A319 34 living, 4 valves
		A322 2 living, 1 valve
Thyasira investigatoris (Smith)		A189 I valve
Abra longicallus (Scacchi)		$\int A_1 89$ 1 living, 2 dead
in the second second	••	A322 1 living
Halicardia flexuosa (V. & S.)	•••	A189 1 living
Cuspidaria sp. (cf. meridionalis)		A189 1 living
Curpidaria sp. (cf. marima)	••	$\int A_{315}$ 1 valve, 1 broken valve
Cuspiaaria sp. (ci. maxima)		A322 1 broken valve
BRACHIOPODS		
Terebratula sp		A316 2 living

33° 50′ S., 17° 21′ E., 600 fath	oms.	(Station	num	189)*
Surcula scalaria Brnrd. 1958				
Mangilia sp	••	• •		new to fauna-list
Daphnella verecunda				n. sp.; Type
Gymnobela sp				new to fauna-list
Charitodoron pasithea Tomlin				
Trophon acceptans Brnrd. 1959				
Columbarium rotundum Brnrd. 19.	59			
Polynices cleistopsila Brnrd. 1963	••	• •		n. sp.
Turbonilla sp	• •			more material wanted
Cavolinia tridentata (Forskal)				
Dentalium capense Tomlin				
Dentalium sp. (18–22 ribs)	• •'			new to fauna-list
Cadulus promontorii Brnrd. MS.				n. sp.; Types
Octopus sp. ්				
Halicardia flexuosa (V. & S.)				
Cryptodon investigatoris Smith				
Abra longicallus (Scacchi)	••			new to fauna-list
Cuspidaria sp. (cf. meridionalis)	• •			new to fauna-list
33° 26' S., 16° 33' E., 1,240-1,	300 f	athoms	(A190	o)
Clavatula lobatopsis				n.sp.
Charitodoron thalia Tomlin				

\*Not to be confused with South African Museum registration numbers which have the prefix A.... and *four* numerals. For this reason, in the descriptions and notes only the localities are given, not the station number.

Nux alabaster Brnrd. 1960				n. g., n. sp.; Type
Thalassocyon bonus Brnrd. 196	io		••	n. g., n. sp.
Oöcorys watsoni Locard				
Polynices cleistopsila Brnrd. 19	63			n. sp.
Cerithiella taylori Brnrd. 1963				n. sp.; Type
Abyssochrysos melanioides Toml	lin			
Calliotropis metallica (W-M. 8	& A.)			
Basilissa gelida	••			n. sp.; Type
? Solariella				more material wanted
Cavolinia tridentata (Forskal)				
Cavolinia limbata D'Orb.				
Diacria trispinosa (Lesueur)				
Cardiapoda richardi Vayss.				new to fauna-list
Dentalium eualdes				n. sp.
Dentalium sp. (9 ribs)				new to fauna-list
Cephalopod eggs				
Limopsis sp. cf. straminea Smit	th			new to fauna-list
Leda macella				n. sp.
33° 36′ S., 16° 15′ E., 1,520-	-1,570 f	athoms	(A19)	I)
Clavatula lobatopsis				n. sp.; Types
Cythara(?) dagama				n. sp. ; Types
Typhlosvrinx pyrropelex				n. sp.; Types (of juvenile)
Charitodoron thalia Tomlin				
Trophon acceptans Brnrd, 1950	2			
Polynices cleistopsila Brnrd. 10	, 63			n. sp.
Dentalium evaldes				n. sp.: Types
Solenogastres				new to fauna-list
Limopsis sp. cf. straminea Smit	th		••	new to fauna-list
$32^{\circ} 45^{\frac{1}{2}'} S_{\odot} 16^{\circ} 23^{\frac{1}{2}'} E_{\odot} 14^{\circ}$	80 fathc	oms (Ai		
Clavatula lobatopsis			-9-)	n. sp.
Cythara(?) dagama	••	•••	••	n sp
Charitodoron thalia Tomlin	••	••	••	
Trophon acceptants Brand 1050	h			
Oğcorvs watsoni Locard	1			
Polynices cleistopsila Brand 10	62			nsn
Scaphander puncto-striatus Mig	hels	••	••	n. sp.
Dentalium evaldes				n sn
Octobus sp. juy	••	••	••	n. sp.
Leachia cyclura Lesueur				new to fauna-list
Limobeic sp. of straminga Smith	th	••	•••	new to fauna-list
Leda macella		••	•••	n en
$22^{\circ}$ $40'$ S $16^{\circ}$ $20'$ F $1500$	fathom	· · ·	···	n. sp.
Clavatula lobatopsis	autom	s (Arg	5)	nsn
Cuthara(?) alaucocreac	••	••	••	n. sp.
Cymura(:) graacocreas	• •	••	• •	n. sp.

Daphnella(?) bitrudis				n. sp.; Types		
Charitodoron thalia Tomlin						
Neptunea bonae-spei				n. sp.		
Pyrene cf. profundi Dall				new to fauna-list		
Trophon acceptans Brnrd. 1959				n. sp.		
Thalassocyon bonus Brnrd. 1960	,			1		
Oöcorys watsoni Locard						
Scala bonae-spei				n. sp.; Types		
Atlanta sp.				1 / /1		
Cavolinia tridentata (Forskal)						
Solenogastres				new to fauna-list		
Dentalium eualdes		• •		n. sp.		
Dentalium lardum				n. sp.; Types		
Limopsis sp. cf. straminea Smith	1			new to fauna-list		
34° 37' S., 17° 03' E., 1,580-1	1,620 f	athoms	(A31	5)		
Clavatula lobatopsis				n. sp.		
Cythara(?) glaucocreas				n. sp.		
Cvthara(?) dagama				n.sp.		
Mangilia sp				new to fauna-list		
? Fasciolariidae ? gen.				new to fauna-list		
Admete decapensis Brnrd. 1060				n. sp.: Type		
Guivillea alabastrina (Watson)				new to fauna-list		
Prosipho torguatus				n. sp.: Type		
Trophon acceptans Brnrd, 1959						
Thalassocyon bonus Brnrd, 1960				n. sp.		
Falsilunatia pseudopsila				n. sp.: Type		
Cavolinia tridentata (Forskal)						
Cavolinia ? globulosa						
Scaphander puncto-striatus Mighe	als					
Dentalium evaldes				n. sp.		
Dentalium sp. (o ribs)				new to fauna-list		
Limopsis sp. cf. straminea Smith	•••			new to fauna-list		
Cushidaria sp. cf. maxima				new to fauna-list		
[Fragment of Argonauta]	•••					
$24^{\circ} 42' \text{S} = 16^{\circ} 54' \text{E} = 1.725 - 1$	1 780 f	athoms	(A21)	ົງ		
Clavatula lohatopsis	,,,001		(1.91)	n sn.		
Moniliopsis psilarosis	••	••	••	n sp. Types		
Philhertia cala (Watson)	•••	••	••	new to fauna-list		
Guivillea alabastrina (Watson)	•••	•••	•••	new to fauna-list		
Trophon acceptans Brand 1050	•••	••	••	new to mana not		
Döcorys watsoni Locard						
Lamellaria capensis Bergh						
Scala honae-shei				n sn		
Calliotropis pombe	••	•••	•••	n sp		
Guillouropis ponipe	• •	• •	• •	11. Sh.		

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Doridoxa benthalis .	•	••	••	••	••	n. sp.; Type				
Solenogastres .	•	••	••	••	•••	new to fauna-list				
Brachiopod										
33° 50′ S., 16° 30′ E., 1,480–1,660 fathoms (A317)										
Clavatula lobatopsis		•••	••	••	••	n. sp.				
Typhlomangelia poly	thele			••		n. sp.; Types				
Cythara(?) dagama						n. sp.				
Typhlosyrinx pyrrope	lex					n. sp.				
Mangilia sp						new to fauna-list				
Gymnobela sp						new to fauna-list				
Turritid. Gen. ? .						new to fauna-list				
Guivillea alabastrina (Watson)										
Prosipho torquatus .		••	• •	•••		n. sp.				
Trophon acceptans B	rnrd.	1959				-				
Thalassocyon bonus I	Brnrd.	1960				n. sp.				
Oöcorys watsoni Loc	ard	U U				•				
Polynices cleistopsila	Brnrd	. 1963				n. sp.				
Calliotropis pompe .						n. sp.; Types				
Cavolinia tridentata (	Forsk	al)								
Scaphander puncto-striatus Mighels										
Dentalium eualdes .						n. sp.				
Limopsis sp. cf. stran	minea l	Smith				new to fauna-list				
Leda macella .						n. sp.				
Leda parsimonia .						n. sp.; Type				
Malletia estheriopsis						n. sp.; Types				
[Fragment of Janth	ina]					1 / /1				
33° 52′ S., 16° 51′ E., 1,380–1,520 fathoms (A318)										
Clavatula lobatopsis		••	••	•••		n. sp.				
Cythara(?) glaucocrea	as					n. sp.; Type				
Typhlosyrinx pyrrope	lex					n. sp.				
Typhlosyrinx subrosed	a					n. sp.; Types				
Charitodoron thalia T	omlin	ı				1 / /1				
Nux alabaster Brnrd	l. 1960	)				n. sp.				
Neptunea bonae-spei.						n. sp.: Types				
Columbarium angular	e Brni	d. 195	9			1 / /1				
Oöcorys watsoni Loc	ard	00	0							
Calliostoma glaucoph	aos					n. sp.; Types				
Cavolinia tridentata (	Forsk	al)								
Scaphander puncto-striatus Mighels										
Gastropteron sp						new to fauna-list				
Dentalium eualdes .						n. sp.				
Dentalium lardum .						n. sp.				
Cephalopod eggs						•				
Octopus sp.										

34° 05′ S., 16° 58′ E., 1,470-1,490 fathoms (A319) Clavatula lobatopsis .. . . . . .. n. sp. Typhlosyrinx pyrropelex . . • • .. n. sp. . . Turritid. Gen. ? ... .. new to fauna-list •• . . . . Guivillea alabastrina (Watson) Trophon acceptans Brnrd. 1959 Oöcorys watsoni Locard Polynices cleistopsila Brnrd. 1963 ... . . .. n. sp. Abyssochrysos melanioides Tomlin Cavolinia tridentata (Forskal) Scaphander puncto-striatus Mighels Gastropteron sp. .. .. .. .. new to fauna-list . . Dentalium eualdes Octopus sp. (large) Octopus sp. (small) Limopsis sp. cf. straminea Smith ... .. new to fauna-list Leda macella .. . . . . .. n. sp.; Types . . Malletia estheriopsis .. . . .. n. sp. . . 34° 33′ S., 16° 42′ E., 1,770–1,880 fathoms (A321) Malletia estheriopsis ..... . . .. n. sp. 34° 36' S., 17° 00' E., 1,500-1,760 fathoms (A322) .. new to fauna-list Terebra sp. •• . . .. • • Clavatula lobatopsis .. . . .. n. sp. . . Moniliopsis psilarosis .. . . . . .. n. sp. Cythara(?) dagama .. •• . . .. n. sp. Typhlosyrinx pyrropelex • • .. n. sp. . . . . Typhlosyrinx chrysopelex ... .. n. sp.; Type . . . . Cancellaria euthymei Brnrd. 1960 ... .. n. sp.; Type • • .. new to fauna-list Guivillea alabastrina (Watson) ... . . Charitodoron pasithea Tomlin Charitodoron thalia Tomlin Neptunea bonae-spei.. .. .. n. sp. . . Prosipho torquatus ... .. n. sp. .. . . • • Pyrene cf. profundi Dall new to fauna-list .. . . . . . . Trophon acceptans Brnrd. 1959 Trophon cf. droueti Dautzenberg ... .. new to fauna-list .. Oöcorys watsoni Locard Calliotropis metallica (W.-M. & A.) Cavolinia tridentata (Forskal) Diacria trispinosa (Lesueur) Herse (Cuvieria) columnella (Rang) Scaphander puncto-striatus Mighels Dentalium eualdes ..... .. .. n. sp. .. Dentalium lardum ... .. .. n. sp. .. • •

Dentalium sp. (9 ribs)	••	••	••	new to fauna-list
Abra longicallus (Scacchi)		••		new to fauna-list
Limopsis sp. cf. straminea Smith		••		new to fauna-list
Cuspidaria sp. cf. maxima				new to fauna-list
Nucula (Pronucula) benguelana Cl	arke			new to fauna-list
? Sarepta sp		••	•••	new to fauna-list
Malletia estheriopsis	• •		•••	n. sp.

Descriptions and Notes

# **GASTROPODA**

#### Terebridae

Terebra sp.

(Fig. 1 *a*)

Protoconch 2  $(2\frac{1}{2})$  whorls, last whorl bulbous, smooth. Postnatal whorls 7. Axial plicae 14–15 on 2nd whorl, increasing to 18 on last whorl, straight, slightly protractive; intervening grooves shallow. Slight indication of a subsutural spiral groove, and 4–5 very faint spiral lirae in the axial grooves. Base with growthlines and very faint spiral striae.  $6.5 \times 2$  mm. Very pale corneous, protoconch opaque white.

34° 36′ S., 17° 00′ E., 1,500–1,760 fathoms, 1 dead (S. Afr. Mus. A<br/>9854, F. H. Talbot coll.).

*Remarks.* As further and better specimens may be obtained later, no specific name is attached to this specimen.

## Turritidae

# Subfam. Turrinae

# [Turris lobata]

In 1958 I united *Pieter Faure* specimens from Cape Point with specimens from Cape Natal (Durban)-East London under the specific name *lobata* Sow., and transferred it to the genus *Turris*. The new material raises doubts as to the conspecificity of the shells, and the generic position.

Comparison of the 7 additional specimens with the previous material shows that the Cape Point shells can be separated on conchological characters from those of the Cape Natal-East London area, though the differences are subtle (slightly exaggerated in the figures herewith).

From the *Pieter Faure* material two radulae were obtained, one from an East London shell and one from a Cape Point shell, both of them extracted from poorly preserved animals. They seemed to show a slight difference in the shape of the lateral plate. On re-examination, and comparison with 4 radulae

from the new material, the difference appears to be due merely to the slightly different position in which the plates are lying in the mounted preparation.

A more important point, however, is that the 4 additional radulae show distinctly the presence of a central plate and of an accessory wing-like appendage, albeit both are very delicate.



FIG. 1. a, Terebra sp. Apex and base, with cross-section of whorl. b, Daphnella (?) bitrudis n. sp.

These Cape Point shells must therefore be placed in *Clavatula*. Possibly when more material is obtained from the Natal-East London area, it will show that *lobata* has been incorrectly transferred to *Turris*; but for the present I retain it in *Turris*.

Turris lobata (Sow.) (Fig. 2 b)

Turris lobata (Sow.), [partim] Barnard, 1958, p. 107, figs. 3 i, 6 profile.

To the description should be added: upper margin of whorl straight, suture visible; the sharp keel continuous, without any trace of nodules; the mid-whorl nodules always rounded, though they may be divided by a slight sulcus.

In my description the number of midwhorl tubercles was not given. Sowerby's original description gave 13 on the penultimate whorl, and his figure seems to confirm this. There is, however, a possibility that '13' was a misprint for 18, because a lobate specimen, labelled by Sowerby, has 13 on the 3rd whorl, 18 on the 9th and 22 on the 10th; other specimens agree, none having less than 16 tubercles on the 8th whorl.

Natal and East London area, 440 and 310 fathoms (S. Afr. Mus. A1673, A1674, P.F. coll.).

The remarks in the above reference on the formation of the lobe on the outer lip apply to *lobata* (Sow.).

There is one dead shell from the Cape Point area, 380–475 fathoms (S. Afr. Mus. A1675, P.F. coll.), however, which seems referable to *lobata*. Although damaged several times and repaired by the animal, and corroded, nevertheless it shows the diagnostic features of *lobata*, not those of the other Cape Point shells from much greater depths.

# Clavatula lobatopsis n. sp.

(Fig. 2 a)

Turris lobata (Sow.), [partim] Barnard, 1958, p. 107, fig. 3 j.

Extremely like *Turris lobata* but upper margin of whorl undulate, and slightly raised so that the actual suture is scarcely or only partly visible in lateral view; instead of the sharp keel in *lobata* there is a blunt lira with small nodules, corresponding in number with those in the mid-whorl series, often divided by a slight sulcus; between this lira and the mid-whorl nodules there may be 2–3 feeble lirae, or none at all; the mid-whorl nodules are sharper than in *lobata*, more tubercular than nodular, and they may be divided by a faint sulcus; on the last whorl (or last half thereof) in the larger shells the tubercles



FIG. 2. a, Clavatula lobatopsis n. sp. Sculpture for comparison with b. b, Turris lobata (Sow.). Sculpture.
c, Typhlosyrinx pyrropelex n. sp. Protoconch and base; radula tooth. d, Cythara (?) glaucocreas n. sp.
e, Daphnella (?) verecunda n. sp. With radula tooth. Apex of latter further enlarged. f, Mangilia (?) sp.
g, Cythara (?) dagama n. sp. h, two radula teeth.

tend to disappear, leaving only a continuous well-marked lira (or costa) at the lip sinus.

Lirae below the mid-whorl girdle as in *lobata*, but with no tendency to become costate and form a lobe on the outer lip; the lira next below the midwhorl girdle may have small nodules.

Number of midwhorl tubercles 13-14 on 3rd whorl, increasing to 21-24 on 9th whorl. Towards the end of the last whorl the tubercles often tend to be feeble and irregular.

Among the specimens from Station A317 (S. Afr. Mus. A9800) was one with 12 midwhorl tubercles on the 3rd whorl, increasing to 14 on the last (8th) whorl. This can be regarded only as a casual variation.

Up to  $40 \times 14$  mm. and  $30 \times 16$  mm. (apices corroded).

Operculum oval, nucleus apical.

Animal pale. Eyes absent, or sometimes indicated by a minute brown or black speck. Radula with c. 70 rows, central plate narrow, acicular, extremely delicate, lateral plate with accessory appendage.

Cape Point NE. × E.<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>E. 46 miles, 900 fathoms, 1 living; N. 70° E. 40 miles, 800 fathoms, 2 dead; NE.  $\times$  E.<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>E. 40 miles, 800–900 fathoms, 1 living, 3 dead (S. Afr. Mus. A1676-A1681, P.F. coll.).

33° 26' S., 16° 33' E., 1,300 fathoms, 2 dead; 33° 36' S., 16° 15' E., 1,520-1,570 fathoms, 3 living (Types; 33° 4512' S., 16° 2312' E., 1,480 fathoms, 1 dead; 33° 49' S., 16° 30' E., 1,500 fathoms, 1 living, 1 dead (fresh); 34° 37' S., 17° 03' E., 1,580-1,620 fathoms, 2 living; 33° 50' S., 16° 30' E., 1,480-1,660 fathoms, 11 living; 33° 52' S., 16° 51' E., 1,380-1,520 fathoms; 2 living; 34° 05' S., 16° 58' E., 1,470-1,490 fathoms, 1 dead; 34° 26' S., 17° 00' E., 1,500 fathoms, 6 living, 3 dead (S. Afr. Mus. A9712, A9730 (Types), A9740, A9752, A9771, A9800, A9820, A9838, A9855; F. H. Talbot coll.).

# Surcula scalaria Brnrd.

Surcula scalaria, Barnard, 1958, p. 146, fig. 22 d.

Like the Pieter Faure specimens, the present shells are dead; the generic position therefore remains uncertain.

33° 50' S., 17° 21' E., 600 fathoms, 3 dead (S. Afr. Mus. A9695, F. H. Talbot coll.).

#### Subfam. Brachytominae

# Moniliopsis psilarosis n. sp. (Fig. 4 a)

Protoconch and ? 2 whorls missing. Remaining postnatal whorls 6. First 3 whorls (probably the 3rd-5th) distinctly but not strongly should red, profile of following whorls evenly convex. Oblique, protractive axial riblets 17-18 on first 2 whorls, 18-19 on 3rd whorl, forming small knobs at the shoulder, petering out below and scarcely reaching suture; becoming evanescent and obsolete on following whorls; crossed by impressed spiral striae 4 on first 2

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whorls, 4-5 on 3rd, increasing to 8-9 on 4th, and c. 13 on last 2 whorls; sometimes 2-3 fine striae above the shoulder on the sulcus. Base with c. 24 (main and interpolated) spiral striae. Sulcus feebly concave, lip sinus moderately deep. Canal rather short and narrow.  $47 \times 16$  mm. Operculum narrow oval,  $13 \times 5$  mm. Drab or brownish, columella and interior of aperture dull pinkish; operculum amber.

Animal pale; eyes at base of short tentacles. Radula with 15 pairs of rather elongate, unbarbed teeth.

 $34^{\circ} 42'$  S.,  $16^{\circ} 54'$  E., 1,725-1,780 fathoms, 1 living, 1 dead (fresh);  $34^{\circ} 36'$  S.,  $17^{\circ} 00'$  E., 1,500-1,760 fathoms, 3 dead (worn and corroded) (S. Afr. Mus. A9789 (Types) and A9856; F. H. Talbot coll.).

*Remarks*. Seems to fit best into the genus *Moniliopsis*. The sculpture on the later whorls resembles a bare ploughed field.

The smallest worn specimen has lost the protoconch, but retains the first 2 postnatal whorls (corroded); the full complement of postnatal whorls would appear to be 8. The two largest specimens, corroded and comprising 4th-8th whorls, measure  $51.5 \times 19$  mm. I have seen a larger one, comprising 3th-8th whorls, measuring  $56 \times 20$  mm. (in coll. Fisheries Survey).

Typhlomangelia (?) polythele n. sp. (Fig. 3 e, f)

Protoconch and ? 2 whorls corroded. Postnatal whorls  $4\frac{1}{2}$ ; profile angularly shouldered a little above middle of whorl. Small peripheral knobs on the shoulder, c. 20 on 2nd whorl, c. 23 on 3rd, c. 26 on last whorl, evanescent towards outer lip, not continued below shoulder (or only very slightly); low flat spiral lirae 3-4 on 1st whorl, 4-5 on 2nd, 5-6 on 3rd, 7-8 on last whorl; 8-9 additional lirae on base, plus about the same number of finer lirae on rostrum. Sulcus scarcely concave, with a keel forming a distinct cingulum below the suture. Growth-lines distinct, especially on sulcus where they are subpliculose. Lip sinus deep, semicircular.  $13 \times 5.5$  mm. Operculum oval, nucleus apical. White, operculum amber.

Animal pale. No eyes. Radula with 22 pairs of dagger-like, unbarbed teeth. 33° 50′ S., 16° 30′ E., 1,480–1,660 fathoms, 2 living (S. Afr. Mus. A9802, F. H. Talbot coll.).

Remarks. Placed provisionally in Typhlomangeiia although the radula teeth are not elongate as in nivalis (see Sars, 1878, pl. ix, fig. 10).

# Subfam. Cytharinae

# Cythara (?) glaucocreas n. sp. (Fig. 2 d)

Protoconch corroded. Postnatal whorls 6, apical whorls more or less corroded; profile of whorls moderately convex, shoulder distinct, base rather ventricose. Oblique axial ribs on penultimate and ultimate whorls 26–30, from shoulder to suture below, more or less traceable on base; spiral lirae 7–8 or 9 on sulcus; ribs crossed by 8–10 spiral lirae below shoulder, c. 20–24 on base (main and intermediaries). Growth-lines distinct across sulcus, often forming pliculae, nearly straight on upper half, curved when nearing the shoulder. Columella curved, canal wide, very short.  $25.5 \times 11.5$  mm. and  $21 \times 11$  mm. No operculum. White.

Animal greenish, no eyes, Radula with 21 pairs of short dagger-like, unbarbed teeth (similar to those of *D. verecunda*, see fig. 2*e*).

33° 49′ S., 16° 30′ E., 1,500 fathoms, 2 living; 34° 37′ S., 17° 03′ E., 1,580–1,620 fathoms, 1 dead (extracted from an anemone); 33° 52′ S., 16° 51′ E., 1,380–1,520 fathoms, 1 living (Type) and 2 dead (S. Afr. Mus. A9753, A9773, A9821 (Type), A9824; F. H. Talbot coll.).

*Remarks*. Belongs to one of the Cytharine genera and is provisionally placed in *Cythara*.

Protoconch corroded. Profile of whorls convex, shoulder not prominent owing to corrosion, except in the smallest (6-whorled) shell. Postnatal whorls 8. Oblique axial ribs 14 on 3rd whorl, 16 on 4th, 16–17 on 5th, 19 on 6th, 20–22 on 7th, but becoming obscure towards end of whorl, ribs on 8th whorl (only one shell) uncountable owing to corrosion, from shoulder to suture below, evanescent on base; 5–7 spiral lirae on sulcus (chiefly on lower part), obscure on later whorls; ribs crossed by 6–7 lirae between shoulder and suture on 4th and 5th whorls, 7–8 on 6th, 8–9 (10) on 7th whorl (? 10–11 on 8th whorl, corroded), 12–15 on base, lirae regular, without intermediaries except one or two on base. Growth-lines forming a nearly even curve on the sulcus, slightly pliculose on earlier whorls. Columella curved, canal short, moderately wide.  $38 \times 16.5$  mm.;  $34 \times 15$  mm.;  $30 \times 13$  mm.;  $23 \times 11$  mm. White. No operculum.

Animal pale. Tentacles short, no eyes. Radula with 20 pairs of dagger-like teeth, proximally not divided, a short process on inner margin slightly nearer to base than to apex, distally expanded with short lateral tangs, but not barbed.

33° 36′ S., 16° 15′ E., 1,520–1,570 fathoms, 5 living (Types); 33°  $45\frac{1}{2}$ ′ S., 16°  $23\frac{1}{2}$ ′ E., 1,480 fathoms, 3 dead; 34° 37′ S., 17° 03′ E., 1,580–1,620 fathoms, 1 dead; 33° 50′ S., 16° 30′ E., 1,480–1,660 fathoms, 5 dead, corroded; 34° 36′ S., 17° 00′ E., 1,500–1,760 fathoms, 1 living, 1 juv. dead (S. Afr. Mus. A9731 (Types), A9741, A9772, A9806, A9860; F. H. Talbot coll.).

Typhlosyrinx pyrropelex n. sp.

(Fig. 2 c)

Pleurotoma (Surcula) dissimilis (non Watson). Barnard, 1958, p. 147, fig. 23 a (protoconch).

Shell smooth, polished. Protoconch  $3\frac{1}{2}$ -4 whorls, last 2 or 3 whorls with regular oblique (protractive) pliculae, becoming slightly sigmoid near junction

with 1st postnatal whorl. Postnatal whorls  $6\frac{1}{2}$  (7); profile convex, with slight shoulder. Growth-lines strongly sigmoid, irregularly pliculose near the suture, becoming strongly protractive (nearly horizontal) on the shoulder, and forming in some specimens obscure rounded axial ribs below shoulder on 3rd and 4th whorls, c. 14 on 4th whorl, best seen as marginal undulations in apical view. Fine indistinct spiral striae below shoulder, c. 5–6 on 2nd whorl, 7–8 on 3rd, 8–9 on 4th, increasing to c. 25 on 7th whorl, on base 25–30 on 4th whorl, 50–66 on 7th. Juveniles: up to  $22.5 \times 9$  mm. (4 whorls). Creamy-white, glossy, protoconch fulvous brown. No operculum.

Animal pale; eyes represented by a minute pigment speck or absent. Radula (juveniles) with 25-30 pairs of slender doubly-barbed teeth, with a projecting knob proximally.

Cape Point N. 77° E. 650–700 fathoms, 2 dead; NE.  $\times$  E.<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>E. 43 miles, 900 fathoms, 2 dead; NE.  $\times$  E.<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>E. 38 miles, 750–800 fathoms, 1 dead (S. Afr. Mus. (Types) A1643, A1644, A1645; P.F. coll.).

33° 36′ S., 16° 15′ E., 1,520–1,570 fathoms, 1 living, 1 dead; 33° 50′ S., 16° 30′ E., 1,480–1,660 fathoms, 6 dead; 33° 52′ S., 16° 51′ E., 1,380–1,520 fathoms, 2 dead; 34° 05′ S., 16° 58′ E., 1,470–1,490 fathoms, 1 dead; 34° 36′ S., 17° 00′ E., 1,500–1,760 fathoms, 3 living (S. Afr. Mus. A9732, A9805, A9823, A9839, A9858; F. H. Talbot coll.).

*Remarks.* The radula corresponds with that of T. *vepallida* von Martens (see: Thiele, 1903, pl. 9, fig. 74; and 1929, fig. 450) and the species may be provisionally included in *Typhlosyrinx*.

The shells obtained by Dr. Talbot are evidently juveniles of the same species as was obtained farther to the south-east by the *Pieter Faure*. In 1958 I was in two minds whether to refer the Cape shells to the Philippine *dissimilis* or the Cape Verde *alberti*. I now consider that slight differences in shape are unimportant, but that, on the other hand, the strong protractive bend in the growth-lines is sufficient to distinguish the Cape shells from both the other



FIG. 3. a, Typhlosyrinx subrosea n. sp. b, protoconch. c, radula as arranged in radula sac. d, radula tooth, with apex further enlarged. e, Typhlomangelia polythele n. sp. f, radula tooth, with apex further enlarged. g, Typhlosyrinx chrysopelex n. sp. h, radula tooth, with apex further enlarged.

species. The protoconch was missing in *dissimilis*, and though present in the living example of *alberti*, was not stated to be coloured.

Several species with coloured (brown or yellow) protoconchs on a white shell have been described (see: Dautzenberg, 1927), mostly assigned to 'Pleurotoma'.

The *Pieter Faure* shells are regarded as Types of the adult. One of the shells of S. Afr. Mus. A1643 was sent to Tomlin, and presumably remains in his collection. The specimens S. Afr. Mus. A9858, from the largest of which the radula was extracted, may be regarded as Types of the juvenile and radula.

In the 1958 description (p. 147), for protoconch 'lip', read 'tip'.

# Typhlosyrinx chrysopelex n. sp. (Fig. 3 g)

Protoconch 3 whorls, somewhat worn, whorls pliculose, cancellate on lower half. Postnatal whorls  $4\frac{1}{2}$ , profile shouldered slightly above middle of whorl. Slightly oblique axial ribs from shoulder to suture, petering out on base, 13 on 1st whorl, 15 on 2nd, 16 on 3rd, and 19 on last whorl. No spiral sculpturing, except 12–15 feeble lirae on rostrum. Sulcus slightly concave, lip sinus shallow. Growth-lines distinct on sulcus, some of them pliculose below the suture. 19 × 9 mm. No operculum. White, glossy, protoconch yellowishbrown (faded).

Animal pale, eyes present. Radula with 25 pairs of dagger-like, barbed and flanged teeth, base broad and concave.

34° 36′ S., 17° 00′ E., 1,500–1,760 fathoms, 1 living (S. Afr. Mus. A9857, F. H. Talbot coll.).

Remarks. Also placed provisionally in Typhlosyrinx.

Typhlosyrinx subrosea n. sp.

(Fig. 3 *a*-*d*)

Thin-shelled. Protoconch  $3\frac{1}{2}-4$  whorls, with (except 1st) oblique (protractive) pliculae, crossed below the periphery by retractive pliculae, producing a micro-clathrate sculpture. Postnatal whorls  $4\frac{1}{2}$ , profile evenly convex, the sulcus not concave, scarcely distinguishable from rest of profile. No axial sculpture except the growth-lines, which are sigmoid but not very concave across the sulcus. Impressed spiral striae scarcely indicated on 1st and 2nd whorls, but becoming distinct near end of 2nd whorl, c. 16 on 2nd-3rd, c. 20 on 3rd-4th, c. 24 on 4th whorl, with 2-4 additional finer ones on the sulcus above the 'shoulder'. On base at least 36 striae, extending to end of rostrum. Columella curved, canal rather short and narrow. In the larger living shell no columellar callus concealing the spiral striae; in the smaller dead shell a weak callus partly concealing the striae, especially on the rostrum.  $36 \times 16$  mm. No operculum. Very pale translucent pink, protoconch golden-brown.

Animal pale, no eyes. Radula with 10 pairs of rather short, dagger-like teeth, apically barbed and flanged.

 $33^\circ$  52' S., 16° 51' E., 1,380–1,520 fathoms, 1 living, 1 dead (S. Afr. Mus. A9822, F. H. Talbot coll.).

*Remarks.* Somewhat similar to the shells described as *pyrropelex*, but the sulcus not so distinct and the columella more curved.

Philbertia cala (Watson) (Fig. 4 b-e)

Clathurella cala Watson, 1886, p. 361, pl. 26, fig. 11.

Protoconch  $3\frac{1}{2}$  whorls, last  $2\frac{1}{2}$  with fine oblique protractive pliculae, and on the lower half of the whorl oblique retractive pliculae between the protractive ones, giving a faint cancellate or granulate sculpture. Postnatal whorls  $5\frac{1}{2}$ , profile strongly convex, shoulder well marked but rounded (Watson: 'hunchy'). Oblique protractive axial riblets 12 on 1st whorl, increasing to 18



FIG. 4. a, Moniliopsis psilaropsis n. sp. with radula tooth. b, Philbertia cala (Watson). c, protoconch. d, two views of radula tooth. e, aperture with animal, as preserved, showing grooved foot.

on last, on the early whorls traceable across the sulcus, but not on the last 2 (or 3) whorls, continued across base; crossed by fine spiral lirae 4 on 1st whorl, 5 on 2nd, 5–6 on 3rd, 8 on 4th and 10 on last whorl (6–7 main lirae plus intermediaries). On base 6–7 main lirae plus intermediaries, but on rostrum lirae subequal. Sulcus concave, lip sinus rather deep. 19  $\times$  10 mm. No oper-culum. White, protoconch chestnut-brown.

Animal pale, no eyes. Radula with 20-25 pairs of short, dagger-like, unbarbed teeth.

34° 42′ S., 16° 54′ E., 1,725–1,780 fathoms, 3 living (S. Afr. Mus. A9790, F. H. Talbot coll.).

Distribution. South Atlantic: 32° 24′ S., 13° 5′ W., 1,425 fathoms (Watson).

*Remarks.* These specimens agree so well with Watson's description that the identification seems certain. There are only two points to note: the largest of the present specimens is 19 mm. long with  $5\frac{1}{2}$  whorls, the *Challenger* shell only 0.55 inches with the same number of whorls; and the Cape shells have 2-3 ribs more than the *Challenger* shell. These differences seem insignificant as against the essential similarities.

One of the present specimens with 4 postnatal whorls has all the lirae on the 3rd and 4th whorls subequal, not divided into main and intermediaries.

In all three specimens the elongate grooved tongue-like foot has not been withdrawn within the aperture. This reaction to the preservative seems to be peculiar to this species, because it has not occurred in any of the other Turritid specimens in the present collection, all of which were preserved in the same manner. In the latter the foot is contracted into a compact mass and withdrawn within the aperture.

Comparable (conchologically) species in deep water off the New England coast seem to be *Pleurotomella saffordi* V. & S. and *benedicti* V. & S., 1884.

Protoconch corroded. Profile of whorls convex, with a slight shoulder. Postnatal whorls 5. Oblique axial ribs 14 on 3rd whorl, increasing to 16 on 5th whorl, crossing the sulcus, and also base; c. 15 spiral lirae between shoulder and suture on 3rd whorl, crossing the ribs, increasing to at least 20 on 5th whorl; on base at least 30 lirae. Growth-lines forming an even curve on sulcus, those which are continued as axial ribs stronger than the others. Lip sinus moderately deep. Columella slightly curved, canal short, rather wide.  $15 \times 6.5$  mm. White.

33° 50′ S., 17° 21′ E., 600 fathoms, 1 dead (S. Afr. Mus. A9696, F. H. Talbot coll.).

Three specimens resemble the above described shell, but have 20 axial ribs on the last whorl.

34° 37′ S., 17° 03′ E., 1,580–1,620 fathoms, 1 dead; 33° 50′ S., 16° 30′ E., 1,480–1,660 fathoms, 2 dead (S. Afr. Mus. A9775, A9803; F. H. Talbot coll.).

# Daphnella (?) verecunda n. sp. (Fig. 2 e)

Protoconch corroded. Profile of whorls angular. Postnatal whorls 7. Oblique axial ribs 12–13 on 4th and 5th whorls, 14–15 on 6th and 7th, from

shoulder to suture, evanescent on base; crossed by 6–7 spiral lirae on 4th and 5th whorls, 7–8 on 6th and 7th, c. 15 on base, including on the latter some intermediaries; no spiral lirae on sulcus, or only extremely faint ones visible in places. Growth-lines forming a nearly even curve on sulcus, without pliculae. Columella curved, canal short, moderately wide.  $22 \times 10.5$  mm. White, middle portion of columella with faint salmon flush. No operculum.

Animal pale. Tentacles short, no eyes. Radula with c. 25 pairs of daggerlike teeth, proximally bifid, enclosing the poison gland, a short process on inner side proximally, apex sharply pointed, not barbed.

 $33^{\circ}$  50' S., 17° 21' E., 600 fathoms, 2 living, 1 dead (S. Afr. Mus. A9697, F. H. Talbot coll.).

*Remarks.* Differs from *Surcula sulcicancellata* Brnrd. 1958 in having fewer ribs and no sculpturing on the sulcus.

The radula teeth have some similarity with those figured by Thiele (1929, fig. 456) for a species of *Daphnella*.

# Daphnella (?) bitrudis n. sp.

# (Fig. 1 *b*)

Very narrow fusiform. Point of protoconch broken, and apical whorls corroded; 7 postnatal whorls remaining. Profile of whorls evenly convex, no shoulder. Growth-lines for the most part distinct, somewhat variable but not forming axial ribs, strongly protractive on sulcus before passing over on to whorl. Fine spiral lirae 4 on 4th whorl, 6 on 5th, 8–9 on 6th and 10 on 7th, on base c. 15 additional lirae but not well defined on rostrum. Columella sinuous, canal long, narrow.  $15 \times 3.5$  mm. White, glossy except where corroded.

 $33^\circ$  49' S., 16° 30' E., 1,500 fathoms, 2 dead, but fresh (S. Afr. Mus. A9754, F. H. Talbot coll.).

*Remarks.* May be compared with *Mangilia scipio* Dall (1889, p. 117, pl. 10, fig. 12) from the West Indies, 124 and 982 fathoms; and *Clathurella (Daphnella) monoceros* Watson (1886, p. 365, pl. 20, fig. 1) from off Sierra Leone, 2,500 fathoms.

The genus is quite provisional; perhaps the species might fit into Spergo, but the suggestion is made without much confidence.

One of the most slender of the Turritids, being slightly more slender than *Pleurotoma torta* Dautzenberg (1912, p. 11, pl. 1. figs. 3, 4).

#### Gymnobela sp.

Two dead specimens,  $9.5 \times 6.5$  mm. and  $13 \times 8$  mm., closely resemble the figures of *G. blakeana* Dall 1889 and *G. rhomboidea* Thiele 1925, but the axial ribs are obsolete while the growth-line pliculae across the sulcus are distinct.

Although in fair condition, it is preferable to wait for more material, with the animal, before describing these shells.

33° 50′ S., 17° 21′ E., 600 fathoms, 1 dead; 33° 50′ S., 16° 30′ E., 1,480– 1,660 fathoms, 1 dead (S. Afr. Mus. A9698 and A9804, F. H. Talbot coll.).

# Gen. ?

Somewhat resembling *Pleurotomella lottae* Verrill 1885, from the New England coast, 1,525 fathoms, but narrower and less ventricose. Five to six whorls, profile convex. Sulcus ?, not clearly marked. No axial sculpture. Spiral lirae over greater part of whorl, c. 10, finer above and encroaching on the 'sulcus'. Growth-lines sigmoid, more or less pliculose below suture, especially on early whorls.  $11.5 \times 7$ ,  $13 \times 7.5$  and  $14 \times 8$  mm. White.

33° 50′ S., 16° 30′ E., 1,480–1,660 fathoms, 1 dead; 34° 05′ S., 16° 58′ E., 1,470–1,490 fathoms, 2 dead (S. Afr. Mus. A9807, A9840, F. H. Talbot coll.).

#### Cancellariidae

#### Cancellaria euthymei Brnrd.

Cancellaria euthymei Barnard, 1960c, p. 438, fig. 1 b.

34° 36′ S., 17° 00′ E., 1,500–1,760 fathoms, 1 living (S. Afr. Mus. A9888, F. H. Talbot coll.).

#### Admete decapensis Brnrd.

Admete decapensis Barnard, 1960c, p. 439, fig. 1 a.

34° 37′ S., 17° 03′ E., 1,580–1,620 fathoms, 1 living (S. Afr. Mus. A9777, F. H. Talbot coll.).

Since the above description was published, a second specimen has been found among the Fisheries Survey collections. Presumably it is from the same locality as the Type. It is of the same size as the Type. The columellar pleats are slightly more prominent; and posterior to the upper one is a pair of small narrow pleats close together.

Type and second specimen in the South African Museum.

#### Volutidae

# Guivillea alabastrina (Watson)

(Fig. 5)

Wyvillea alabastrina Watson, 1882, p. 332.

Guivillea alabastrina (Watson), Watson, 1886, p. 262, pl. 15, fig. 2. Pelseneer, 1888, p. 3, pl. 1, figs. 1, 2 (animal). Melvill & Standen, 1907, p. 140. Barnard, 1960a, p. 398. South African Museum Report, 1961, pl. 4, fig. C.

Four worn and broken specimens were obtained. An apex consisting of protoconch plus 2 whorls; a portion of a very worn columella, identifiable by comparison with the following specimen; a protoconch plus  $2\frac{1}{2}$  whorls, length 77 mm.; and a protoconch plus  $2\frac{3}{4}$  whorls, length 90 mm., together with fragments.

The protoconch agrees with Watson's description. Its extent is uncertain owing to corrosion of the surface, but  $I_{\frac{1}{2}}$  (possibly 2) whorls would seem a reasonable estimate.

The columella (pillar), however. has no kink as has the *Challenger* shell, and it has a very slight groove, visible on the 77 and 90 mm. apices, but disappearing on the basal part of the columella as seen in the fragments.

The canal is not so markedly truncate as the figure of the *Challenger* shell would seem to suggest, even when seen in approximately the same position. Perhaps the edge of the canal was broken, but drawn by the artist as if unbroken.

The fragments from the same haul as the 90 mm. apex include: a portion of the outer wall of the shell with sutural inflexion, which does not fit on to the



FIG. 5. Guivillea alabastrina (Watson). a, b, two views of columella, with (slightly enlarged) sections. c, aperture of last whorl of specimen (protoconch  $+ 2\frac{3}{4}$  whorls), showing grooved columella. d, specimen A9841 with, e, view of broken end of columella at a point opposite x, at right angles to frontal view. (All figures about  $\frac{6}{7}$  natural size.)

apex as far as the latter is preserved; the canal with adjacent columella (pillar) to the upper end of which another fragment of columella appears to join (the opposed surfaces are not large enough to form an undeniable 'fit').

There is some doubt whether the 90 mm. apex and the columella fragments belong to one or two shells.

Dr. Talbot tells me that the contents of the dredge when it came aboard formed such a compact mass of globigerina ooze that the extraction of the animals was difficult. Nevertheless he thinks that if a second shell (apex) had been present it would not have been overlooked.

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If the apex and the columella are placed end to end in their correct relative position, and without allowance for the probable loss of small intervening pieces, the shell would be at least  $7\frac{1}{2}$  inches long; the *Challenger* shell was  $6\frac{1}{2}$  inches long, and the species may well grow an inch larger.

34° 37′ S., 17° 03′ E., 1,580–1,620 fathoms, I protoconch plus 2 whorls; 33° 50′ S., 16° 30′ E., 1,480–1,660 fathoms, I columella (worn); 34° 05′ S., 16° 58′ E., 1,470–1,490 fathoms, I protoconch plus  $2\frac{1}{2}$  whorls; 34° 36′ S., 17° 00′ E., 1,500–1,760 fathoms, I protoconch plus  $2\frac{3}{4}$  whorls, and fragments (S. Afr. Mus. A9776, A9809, A9841, and A9870; F. H. Talbot coll.).

Distribution. Between Marion Island and the Crozets, 46° 16' S., 48° 27' E., 1,600 fathoms (Watson: *Challenger*); South Orkneys (Melvill & Standen: *Scotia*).

*Remarks.* This is the most interesting of the results of Dr. Talbot's deep-sea dredging.

Watson gave only a general description of the external appearance of the *Challenger* animal. In 1882 he said that Prof. Huxley had undertaken the detailed description of the anatomy, and in 1886 he said the description would appear elsewhere (i.e. not in his *Challenger* Report). I have not been able to trace any description by Huxley.

The animal, however, was submitted to Pelseneer, and a brief account appeared in a later volume of the *Challenger* Reports (Pelseneer, 1888, p. 3, pl. 1, figs. 1, 2). Pelseneer figured the foot and cephalic region from the right side, but undertook no dissection or anatomical investigation except to remove and section one of the rudimentary unpigmented eyes (Thiele, 1929, repeated Watson's statement that eyes were absent).

Possibly, therefore, the radula is still within the remains of the animal. Mr. Dance (in litt. 2 Febr. 1960) told me that the animal was intact in the British Museum. Can no one be found to extract the radula and confirm, or otherwise, the animal's position in the *Volutidae*?

#### **Fasciolariidae?**

## Gen. ?

Two broken and corroded shells, one 30 mm. long, the other  $23 \times 10$  mm., extracted from anemones. Whorls preserved: 5 and 4 respectively. Aperture (incl. canal) about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  times the spire. Profile evenly convex, but possibly with a slight midwhorl shoulder. No sulcus. Columella slightly curved, no pleats; canal well marked. No axial sculpture; spiral lirae on last whorl (4th) of smaller shell 12–13, regular, subequal; on 5th whorl of larger shell 12 on upper half, 6 on lower half of whorl. Although the numbers of lirae on the two shells differ in number and strength, they cover the whorl completely between upper and lower sutures. On base (of smaller shell) 12 lirae plus c. 8 on rostrum.

34° 37′ S., 17° 03′ E., 1,580–1,620 fathoms, 2 dead (S. Afr. Mus. A9774, F. H. Talbot coll.).

#### Mitridae

Gen. CHARITODORON Tomlin

Barnard, 1960b, p. 402.

Examination of the living material brought up by Dr. Talbot's dredging has resulted in transferring this genus from the *Buccinidae* to the *Mitridae*.

# Fam. ?

## Nux alabaster Brnrd.

Nux alabaster Barnard, 1960c, p. 440, fig. 2.

The radula of this curious species indicates one of the Rhachiglossate families, but its exact systematic position remains doubtful.

Mr. A. E. Salisbury (in litt. 20 June 1961) has drawn my attention to the previous use of the generic name Nux, viz.: Humphrey, Mus. Callonianum, 1797, p. 59. This work was arbitrarily rejected by the International Committee (Opinion 51). But a future International Committee may, also arbitrarily, reverse this opinion. The name is in Sherborn's Index Animalium 1758–1800, but not in Neave's Nomenclator. For the time being I maintain the name.

#### Buccinidae

Neptunea bonae-spei n. sp.

(Fig. 6 a, b)

Protoconch  $2\frac{1}{2}$  whorls, smooth, but corroded and junction with 1st postnatal whorl indistinct. Postnatal whorls 6; profile of whorls evenly convex. Axial ribs c. 15 on 1st whorl (but slightly corroded), 16 on 2nd, 18 on 3rd, 20 on 4th, 22 on 5th, and 26 on 6th whorl, straight or slightly retractive, from suture to suture, obsolete on base; crossed by spiral lirae 5 or 6 on 1st, 7–8 on 2nd, 8 on 3rd and 4th, 10 plus intermediaries on last two whorls, c. 24 on base. Canal short, rather wide.  $55 \times 26$  mm. and  $51 \times 27$  mm. Operculum ovate, nucleus apical,  $14 \times 9$  mm. Creamy-white with pale buff, thin, somewhat scabrous periostracum; operculum amber-brown.

Animal pale. Eyes well developed. Radula with 80–85 rows, central plate quadrangular, with median cusp, sometimes a minute denticle on one side or on both sides; lateral plate much stronger than central plate, unequally bicuspid, with 2–5 tiny denticles between the two cusps, the denticles not always symmetrical.

 $33^{\circ} 49'$  S.,  $16^{\circ} 30'$  E., 1,500 fathoms, 1 living;  $33^{\circ} 52'$  S.,  $16^{\circ} 51'$  E., 1,380–1,520 fathoms, 2 living (Types), 2 dead;  $34^{\circ} 36'$  S.,  $17^{\circ} 00'$  E., 1,500–1,760 fathoms, 1 living (S. Afr. Mus. A9757, A9826 (Types), and A9887, F. H. Talbot coll.).

*Remarks.* The assignation of this Cape species to the old boreal genus *Neptunea* may seem strange; it is admittedly somewhat unsatisfactory, but it is an alternative to instituting a new genus.

The shell is an ordinary-looking Buccinid, but the radula has unusual features.

The central plate resembles that of *Mohnia* (see Thiele, 1929, fig. 342), *Chauvetia* (*Lachesis*) (see Thiele, 1929, fig. 357), some species of *Sipho* (e.g. *islandicus*, gracilis, glaber) (see Sars, 1878, pl. x, figs. 19, 20, 21), and *Lachesis australis* von Martens (= albozonata Watson) (see Thiele, 1903, pl. 9, fig. 55; also Powell, 1951, fig. K 59).\*

On the other hand the lateral plate agrees with that of none of these genera, but closely resembles that of *Chrysodomus turtoni* (see Sars, 1878, pl. x, fig. 16). Thiele (1929) puts *Chrysodomus* as a synonym of *Neptunea*, but does not mention a particular species as its representative. The length of the outer cusp and shortness of the inner cusp give the lateral plate of *C. turtoni* and *Neptunea bonae-spei* a distinctive shape. (The central plate of *C. turtoni* has no cusp.)

The specimen from  $34^{\circ} 36'$  S.,  $17^{\circ}$  E. (A9887), is more slender than the other specimens; the axial ribs are evanescent on the last whorl, and obsolete on the back of the outer lip.

I have been shown a 7-whorled specimen (in coll. Fisheries Survey)  $62 \times 30$  mm. On the 7th whorl the axial ribs are obsolete.

# Prosipho torquatus n. sp. (Fig. 6 c, d, e)

Protoconch  $1\frac{1}{2}$  whorls, alt. and diam. 1 mm. Postnatal whorls 4; profile of whorls angularly shouldered, but not sharply, a little above middle of whorl. Axial ribs on 1st whorl (partly corroded) 16, on each of the following whorls 17–18, from shoulder to suture, and extending across base; crossed by spiral lirae 3–4 on 2nd whorl, 5–7 on 3rd, 8–9 on 4th whorl; small granules on the intersections, those on the shoulder slightly larger than the others; 15 additional lirae on base. Below the suture a circlet of granules, about twice as many as the axial ribs.  $15.5 \times 7$  mm. Operculum  $4 \times 2$  mm., ovate, nucleus apical. Dirty white, operculum pale amber.

Radula with 75 rows, central plate excised in front, with 3 cusps, lateral plate strong, twice as long as the central plate, with 2 apical cusps.

34° 37' S., 17° 03' E., 1,580–1,620 fathoms, 1 living (Type); 33° 50' S., 16° 30' E., 1,480–1,660 fathoms, 1 dead; 34° 36' S., 17° 00' E., 1,500–1,760 fathoms, 1 dead (S. Afr. Mus. A9884, A9801 and A9886 respectively; F. H. Talbot coll.).

*Remarks. P. astrolabiensis* (Strebel) seems to be the only other species with a bicuspid lateral radula plate, the others having more than two (3-6). The shape

\*For the last-mentioned species, from Kerguelen, Powell (1951) proposed the generic name *Falsimohnia*.

of the lateral plate, however, in the present species is different from that of *astrolabiensis* as figured by Powell (1951, fig. K 56). When mounting the radula some of the lateral plates were purposely displaced into various positions, but none of them assumed the shape shown in Powell's figure.

The shell of astrolabiensis is quite different from the present shell.

This record forms a noteworthy extension of the known distribution of this Antarctic and sub-Antarctic genus.



FIG. 6. a, Neptunea bonae-spei n. sp. b, central and lateral plates of radula. c, Prosipho torquatus n. sp. d, two views of protoconch. e, central and lateral plates of radula.

# Pyrenidae

Pyrene cf. profundi (Dall)

Astyris profundi Dall, 1889, p. 192, pl. 35, fig. 3. Columella (Astyris) profundi Dautzenberg, 1927, p. 89.

Protoconch nucleus diam. 0.25 mm., plus 7 whorls. Profile of whorls slightly convex. Spire longer than aperture. Surface smooth, without any sculpture, the growth-lines for the most part very indistinct; but a few spiral lirae on rostrum. Outer lip sometimes with feeble varicoid thickening; no plicae on inner surface. No periostracum.  $11 \times 5$  mm. Operculum subtriangularly ovoid, thickened on inner surface in basal half (i.e. from nucleus onwards), the thickening extending along both lateral margins and also forming a midrib, leaving a semi-oval thinner area between the latter and the margins; midrib not (or scarcely) visible on external surface. White, operculum amber.

Radula normal, proximal cusp on lateral plate well separated from the bifalcate apex.

34° 36′ S., 17° 00′ E., 1,500–1,760 fathoms, 8 living, 9 dead; 33° 49′ S., 16° 30′ E., 1,500 fathoms, 1 dead (S. Afr. Mus. A9864 and A9758 respectively; F. H. Talbot coll.).

*Remarks.* A perfectly plain, smooth and slightly glossy species, comparable with both *Astyris diaphana* Verrill from off east coast of North America and with *A. profundi* Dall from the same region and also the Azores and Cape Verde; but intermediate between the two in proportions.

The appearance of a trident on the internal surface of the operculum is not distinctive, because it occurs in *P. filmerae* and in *Columbella fulgurans*.

## Muricidae

## Trophon acceptans Brnrd.

(Fig. 7 *a*)

Trophon acceptans [partim] Barnard, 1959, p. 202, figs. 40 d (radula), 43 b (only the fig. of adult) (only the adults A3449, A3473 and A3480).

33° 50' S., 17° 21' E., 600 fathoms, 4 living, 7 dead; 33° 36' S., 16° 15' E., 1,520–1,570 fathoms, 9 living, 2 dead; 33°  $45\frac{1}{2}$ ' S., 16°  $23\frac{1}{2}$ ' E., 1,480 fathoms, 2 living; 33° 49' S., 16° 30' E., 1,500 fathoms, 8 living, 1 dead; 34° 37' S., 17° 03' E., 1,580–1,620 fathoms, 4 living, 1 dead; 34° 42' S., 16° 54' E., 1,725– 1,780 fathoms, 2 living, 2 dead; 33° 50' S., 16° 30' E., 1,480–1,660 fathoms, 10 living; 34° 05' S., 16° 58' E., 1,470–1,490 fathoms, 2 living; 34° 36' S., 17° 00' E., 1,500–1,760 fathoms, 3 dead (S. Afr. Mus. A9701, A9734, A9743, A9759, A9778, A9791, A9811, A9842, A9865; F. H. Talbot coll.).

The new material comprises 56 specimens ranging from 10 to 46 mm. in length, most of them living.



FIG. 7. a, Trophon acceptans Brnrd., multicostate variations. b, Trophon cf. droueti Dautzenberg.

In the original description were included some juveniles, 3.5 to 8 mm., which appeared to be conspecific with the adults, the smallest of the latter being 18 mm. in length. I am now inclined to think this was an error, and that not enough importance was attached to the position of the shoulder. There is, in fact, in these juveniles no *angular* shoulder, and the highest part of the profile of the ribs is at, or nearly at, a level with the suture (see figs. of juv.). The recently obtained 10 mm. specimen shows, although the apex is corroded, that there is a definite angular shoulder from at least the 2nd (postnatal) whorl onwards. Therefore the juveniles from the Agulhas Bank, Algoa Bay and East London are now excluded from *acceptans*, and considered as belonging to a separate species. This is best left without a name pending the discovery of further and better material.

The original description, omitting those characters which apply to the juveniles, may be emended and added to as follows: Postnatal whorls 7 (1st whorl corroded in all specimens); 2nd and following whorls angularly shouldered; axial ribs on 2nd and 3rd whorls 11–12, on 4th and 5th 12–13, on 6th and 7th 13–14, sharply keeled and slightly squamosely lamellate at the shoulder (when not worn or corroded); on the later whorls the intervals between the ribs become U-shaped, and when the ribs are far apart the intervals are very open and flat. The rostrum and canal may be slightly curved in the largest shells. A thin, pale brown periostracum, which usually comes away when the investing Epizoanthus is removed. Radula of large specimens with 125–135 rows.

*Remarks.* All the material collected by the *Pieter Faure* and Dr. Talbot came from the same area (see original description and the localities given above). The bathymetrical distribution is as follows:

At 630-800 fathoms 7 specimens 18-21 mm., somewhat corroded but clean, 1 of them living (*Pieter Faure*).

At 600 fathoms 11 specimens 10-22 mm., somewhat corroded but clean, 4 of them living.

At 1,480 fathoms 2 living specimens 31 and 35 mm., somewhat corroded, part of each shell covered with the beginning of a colony of purple *Epizoanthus* (Coelenterate), with one or two polyps.

At 1,470-1,490 fathoms 2 living, 22 and 25 mm., clean.

At 1,480-1,660 fathoms 10 living, with Epizoanthus colonies.

At 1,500 fathoms 9 specimens, 8 of them living, 21-45 mm., somewhat corroded, covered with Epizoanthus colonies, that on the largest shell with 7 polyps.

At 1,500-1,760 fathoms 2 dead.

At 1,520-1,570 fathoms 11 specimens, 9 of them living, 30-46 mm., somewhat corroded, covered with Epizoanthus colonies, with up to 10 polyps on a shell.

At 1,580-1,620 fathoms 5 specimens, 4 of them living, with Epizoanthus colonies, and 1 dead extracted from an anemone (Actinian).

At 1,725-1,780 fathoms 4 specimens, 2 of them living, 30 and 32 mm., clean.

No examples have been found in less than 600 fathoms, and all those obtained at this depth, and down to 800 fathoms, were not more than half-grown. The largest shells, and also half-grown (23 mm.) and three-quarter-grown shells were obtained at 1,480 fathoms and greater depths. The animals from lesser depths, though smaller, may nevertheless be sexually mature and represent a dwarf form. There is as yet no evidence on this point.

The purple Epizoanthus is found only at the greater depths, 1,480 fathoms onwards. It settles on half- or three-quarter-grown shells, and completely envelops the largest shells, including the whole ventral surface, though of course the polyps arise only dorsally and laterally. When the mollusc is withdrawn into its shell there is nothing to indicate that the object is other than a clump of polyps, distasteful to fishes (as many Coelenterates are known to be) and possibly also to predaceous molluscs or Echinoderms.

The original figure of the 'adult' will serve also for the larger shells, and represents the typical form; two figures are here given showing multicostate variations.

In the original description the one living specimen (S. Afr. Mus. A3473) was designated the Type. The new material contains specimens which, because they show the size to which it grows, are really *more typical* of the species (? hypertypes).

A resemblance to *tenuirostratus* Smith 1899 and 1901 was noted in the original description; but there is a considerably stronger resemblance to *obtuseliratus* Schepman 1911. These are resemblances between specimens from the Cape and from localities in the Indian Ocean and the East Indies.

A more serious question is the possible identity of the Cape shells with *guineensis* Thiele (1925, p. 169, pl. 30(18), fig. 11) from 2,278 metres in the Gulf of Guinea. Comparison of Thiele's figure and mine leaves little choice, and I fully expect that *acceptans* will *not* be accepted when further material is obtained from the Atlantic trough along the west coast of Africa. For the present the Cape shells are retained as a separate species.

*Variation*. The following examples I consider as no more than individual multicostate variations.

One (30 mm.) of the two examples from 1,480 fathoms has 16 ribs on the 5th, and 18 on the 6th whorl.

One (32 mm.) of the specimens from 1,500 fathoms has 15 ribs on the 3rd whorl, and 16 on the 4th, 5th and 6th whorls.

One (27 mm.) of the specimens from 1,500 fathoms has 16 ribs on the 3rd whorl, 18 on the 4th and 5th whorls, and 14 on the first three-quarters of the 6th whorl followed by 2 ribs widely separated.

One (46 mm.) of the specimens from 1,520–1,570 fathoms has 15 ribs on the 4th whorl, 17 on the 5th and 6th whorls, and 15 on the 7th whorl.

In the last-mentioned shell (46 mm.) the shoulder disappears on the last

(7th) whorl, and consequently the shell approximates in shape to the figure of *declinans* Watson, though the latter has no shoulder on any of the whorls.

Faint indications of 2 spiral lirae below the shoulder on the 6th whorl were noted in the original description. In these multicostate variations there are indications of 3 or even 4 such lirae.

## Trophon cf. droueti Dautzbg.

# (Fig. 7 b)

Trophon droueti Dautzenberg, 1889, p. 37, pl. 2, figs. 1 a, b, c (hand-drawn). 1927, p. 92, pl. 7, figs. 26–28 (photo).

Protoconch  $1\frac{1}{2}$  whorls, alt. and diam. c. 1 mm. (slightly corroded). Postnatal whorls  $3\frac{1}{2}$ -4, profile angularly shouldered, but shoulder becoming rounded on last whorl. Axial ribs 16–17 on 1st whorl, increasing to 24 on last, retractive from suture to shoulder, straight below, sharp, becoming distinctly lamellate on back of outer lip. On 2nd and 3rd whorls a feeble lira at the shoulder and another below it produce small nodules on the ribs; on last whorl 2 more lirae below the subperipheral one. 10–11.5 × 5 mm. White.

34° 36′ S., 17° 00′ E., 1,500–1,760 fathoms, 3 dead (S. Afr. Mus. A<br/>9866, F. H. Talbot coll.).

Distribution. Azores, 1,287 metres.

*Remarks.* These shells are remarkably like *droueti*, and I deem it advisable not to institute a separate species for them, at least not until further material is available. They are slightly more slender (*droueti*:  $8 \times 4$  mm.), thus possibly representing var. *elongata* Locard, 1897. The spiral lirae are very feeble, but sufficiently in relief to cast slight shadows, comparable with the grey bands in Dautzenberg's hand-drawn figures (1889).

Dautzenberg estimated from fragments that the species reached a size of 16 mm. The present specimens have a protoconch as large as that of *acceptans*, and the species may possibly reach a greater size than 16 mm. in the Cape area.

In Dautzenberg's fig. 1 b the number of riblets seems to be greater than would be expected.

## Columbariidae

#### Columbarium rotundum Brnrd. and angulare Brnrd.

The localities from which specimens of these two species were obtained confirm the results obtained by the *Pieter Faure* (Barnard, 1959, pp. 235, 236). *C. rotundum* occurs in depths of 250–760 fathoms; but *angulare*, which the *Pieter Faure* obtained in depths of 720–900 fathoms, has now been shown to extend down to 1,520 fathoms.

#### Cymatiidae

#### Thalassocyon bonus Brnrd.

Thalassocyon bonus Barnard, 1960c, p. 440, fig. 3.

Excepting *Guivillea*, this is the most interesting Mollusc obtained by Dr. Talbot. The shell resembles in shape a *Semifusus*, but the animal was found to have a taenioglossate radula similar to that of *Cymatium*.

# **Oöcorythidae**

#### Oöcorys watsoni Locard

*Oöcorys sulcata (non* Fischer) Watson, 1886, p. 412, pl. 17, fig. 11. *Oöcorys watsoni* Locard, 1897, p. 288. Tomlin, 1927, p. 80. Barnard, 1963, p. 9.

Largest specimen  $44 \times 31$  mm. Dead specimens were previously taken by the *Pieter Faure* off Cape Point in 720–1,000 fathoms.

# Naticidae

Polynices cleistopsila Brnrd.

Polynices cleistopsila Barnard, 1963, p. 64.

Falsilunatia pseudopsila Brnrd.

Falsilunatia pseudopsila Barnard, 1963, p. 64.

#### **Pyramidellidae**

# Turbonilla cf. kraussi Clessin

Turbonilla cf. kraussi Clessin, Barnard, 1963, p. 85.

Although closely similar to the littoral and shallow-water *kraussi*, the single dead specimen will probably prove to be a distinct species when more material is obtained.

# Cerithiopsidae

Cerithiella taylori Brnrd.

Cerithiella taylori Barnard, 1963, p. 126.

# Lamellariidae

Lamellaria capensis (Bergh)

Lamellaria capensis Bergh, Barnard, 1963, p. 58.

## Scalidae

Scala bonae-spei Brnrd.

Scala bonae-spei Barnard, 1963, p. 104.

#### Abyssochrysidae

#### Abyssochrysos melanioides Tomlin

Abyssochrysos melanioides Tomlin, 1927, p. 78, figs. 1-3. Barnard, 1963, p. 141.

Previously taken by the *Pieter Faure* off Cape Point in 800-1,000 fathoms; now shown to occur down to 1,490 fathoms.

#### Trochidae

# Calliotropis metallica (W.-M. & A.) (Fig. 8 a)

Solariella metallica Wood-Mason & Alcock, 1891, p. 444, fig. 12 a, b.

Previously taken by the *Pieter Faure* off Cape Point. A notable extension of the hitherto known distribution: Gulf of Manaar, East Indies, East Africa. An account of the species will be given in Part IV of Barnard, Contributions... South African Marine Mollusca.

# Calliotropis pompe n. sp. (Fig. 8 b)

Shell thin-walled. Protoconch nucleus plus 7 whorls. First to 3rd whorls with c. 23-24 slightly retractive axial pliculae; on 3rd and following whorls crossed by a peripheral spiral lira at lower third of whorl, and at end of 3rd whorl and on 4th and following whorls by a second lira at upper third; the upper lira forms conical tubercles at the intersections with the pliculae, c. 18-20 increasing to c. 25 on 6th whorl, but becoming feeble and eventually evanescent on 7th whorl; on 5th-7th whorls the pliculae are distinct from suture to upper lira,



FIG. 8. a, b, sculpture of penultimate whorl of Calliotropis metallica (W.-M. & A.) and C. pompe n. sp. c, Calliostoma glaucophaos n. sp., with two views of protoconch, central and 1st marginal plates of radula.

extending less distinctly to the lower lira; from end of 5th whorl onwards accessory pliculae develop at the suture, 2-3 between each pair of main pliculae; similar accessory pliculae develop on the lower lira, so that the latter becomes finely granulate; on 7th whorl all the pliculae become less distinct and more or less indistinguishable from the growth-lines; the lower lira becomes almost smooth. On base growth-lines and pliculae continued, the latter becoming stronger towards the umbilicus; 5 spiral lirae, the outer 3 nearly smooth, the next one granulate, and the one bordering the umbilicus strongly granulate; umbilicus plicate within. 19 × 17 mm. (6 whorls); 22 × 20 mm. (7 whorls).

White, with a faint greenish tinge due to the nacreous interior. Operculum pale corneous.

Jaws and radula as in granolirata.

Off Cape Point: 34° 42′ S., 16° 54′ E., 1,725–1,780 fathoms, 1 dead; 33° 50′ S., 16° 30′ E., 1,480–1,660 fathoms, 1 living, 1 dead (Types) (S. Afr. Mus. A9795 and A9883 (Types); F. H. Talbot coll.).

*Remarks.* The procession (*pompe*) of close-set axial pliculae, and the granulate, instead of tuberculate (as in *metallica* and other species), lower spiral lira, seem distinctive.

#### Gen. BASILISSA Watson

Watson, 1879, p. 593; 1886, p. 96. Schepman, 1908, p. 61. Thiele, 1925, pp. 43, 44; 1929, p. 48.

Dall (1881) instituted the genus *Fluxina*, and considered that it should probably be placed in the *Solariidae*, occupying in this family an analogous position to that of *Basilissa* among the *Trochidae*.

Fluxina discula Dall (1889, p. 273, pl. 23, figs. 5, 6), F. marginata Schepm. 1908, F. trochiformis Schepm. 1908 and the present species are very much alike in shape, differing from Basilissa by being strongly depressed. Admittedly the difference is one of degree only, because brunnea Dall 1881 (genotype of Fluxina), lampra Watson 1879 (genotype of Basilissa) and alta Watson var. delicatula Dall (see 1889, pl. 22, fig. 2) form a series transitional to the higher species simplex Watson 1879 and superba Watson 1879.

The radulae of only a few species are known, e.g. *lampra* (see Schepman, 1908), *sibogae* Schepman 1908, and *trochiformis* (see Thiele, 1925). Thiele gave no figure of the latter. The present species has a radula somewhat resembling that of *sibogae*, but not at all like that of *lampra*.

Provisionally this n. sp. is included in Basilissa.

# Basilissa gelida n. sp. (Fig. 9)

Protoconch nucleus plus 5 whorls. Smooth, polished, periphery very sharply keeled. No spiral sculpture; fine close growth-lines, sigmoid both above the keel and on base. Umbilical wall smooth, vertical; umbilical margin rectangular, not keeled, no impressed line outside the margin. 8, alt. 3.5 mm.

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White, transparent, slightly iridescent when wet.

Operculum not observed.

Jaws present, reticulate. Radula with c. 45 rows, central plate quadrangular, with slightly overturned cutting-edge, with feeble median cusp (? other serrations), lateral plate wide, with slightly overturned serrulate cutting-edge, 1st marginal plate, hastate, distally obscurely serrulate, and 3 slender hamate marginals.

33° 26′ S., 16° 33′ E., 1,240–1,300 fathoms 1 living (S. Afr. Mus. A9720, F. H. Talbot coll.).



FIG. 9. Basilissa gelida n. sp., with radula plates.

*Remarks.* Differs from *Fluxina discula* Dall 1889 from the West Indies, 982 fathoms, only in having a non-carinate umbilical margin, without impressed line; and in being slightly nacreous.

There are 3, possibly 4, slender outer marginal plates in the radula, in addition to the stouter 1st marginal plate.

# Calliostoma glaucophaos n. sp. (Fig. 8 c)

Shell like Solariella in shape, slightly wider than high. Protoconch nucleus plus  $3\frac{1}{2}$  whorls. Protoconch alt. 0.8, diam. 1 mm., smooth. Profile of whorls rounded, but with tabulate shoulder at upper third. One spiral lira forming the shoulder and one at middle of whorl, both beginning on 1st whorl; a third, peripheral lira concealed in the suture until the last half-whorl. On the tabulate shoulder 1 lira near the suture followed by 1 (2nd whorl), 3-4 (3rd whorl), 5 (last half-whorl) very fine lirae, also between inner lira and suture 2-3 very fine lirae visible on last half-whorl. Beginning on 2nd whorl 1 lira between the shoulder and mid-whorl lirae, and 1 between the latter and the peripheral lirae. Base with 1 lira almost as strong as the peripheral lirae; umbilicus bordered by a strong lira; 1 feebler lira within the umbilicus, which is pervious but narrows rapidly. Growth-lines mostly faint, not pliculose. Aperture subcircular, slightly angular where outer lip meets the narrow lira-like columella. 11 (long)  $\times 12.5$  (diam.) mm.

White, iridescent, umbilical and columellar lirae opaque white. Operculum amber.

Jaws with intercalated platelets. Radula with c. 50 rows, resembling that of

*perfragile*, but the central plate is broader, with a broadly triangular cusp, minutely serrulate distally; 5 lateral plates, 1st marginal plate strong, hooked and serrate distally. The lateral plates and especially the central plate are so very delicate that the shape of their bases could not be determined.

33° 52′ S., 16° 51′ E., 1,380–1,520 fathoms, 2 living (S. Afr. Mus. A9830, F. H. Talbot coll.).

*Remarks.* The specimen with the strong outer basal lira is figured. In the other shell this lira is much weaker, but both it and the next one are more distinct than the other basal lirae. The columella appears to have been injured and repaired, and consequently is broader and somewhat concavely angular.

Although clearly distinct, these shells are not unlike *Trochus (Margarita)* charopus Watson 1879 and 1886 from Kerguelen, 105 fathoms, and, though less so, T(M) brychius Watson 1879 and 1886, also from Kerguelen, 1,260 fathoms.

There is a general resemblance to a *Solariella*; and unless the animal had been present these shells might perhaps have been assigned to *Solariella*.

# NUDIBRANCHIATA Doridoxidae

Doridoxa benthalis n. sp.

(Fig. 10)

Length of animal as preserved c. 32 mm. Dull brown, the retracted rhinophores orange.

Frontal veil with lateral processes, on the underside of each process a wrinkled fold of skin connecting with the wrinkled margin of the mouth.



FIG. 10. Doridoxa benthalis n. sp. Lateral and dorsal views of animal; ventral view of anterior end; front and inner views of left mandible; two central plates of radula in side view; central and lateral plates of radula.

Foot tapering posteriorly. Dorsal surface smooth, but with faint indications of 4 pairs of small warts. No gills. Genital opening, nephroproct, and anus on right side, the nephroproct a short distance in front of anus.

Jaws large, 4.5 mm. long, cutting-edge entire. Radula with 30 rows, central plate very strong, lateral plates 11–12, dagger-like, graduated, the middle ones slightly larger than the others.

Internal organs not well enough preserved to determine the presence of a blood-gland, or whether there were 2 sphermathecae. There were, however, no liver diverticula.

 $34^{\circ} 42'$  S.,  $16^{\circ} 54'$  E., 1,725-1,780 fathoms, 1 (S. Afr. Mus. A9796, F. H. Talbot coll.).

*Remarks.* In spite of uncertainty about the internal anatomy, this specimen seems certainly to be a species of *Doridoxa* Bergh 1900, which was instituted for *ingolfiana* Bergh taken in the North Atlantic. There seem to be no later records.

I have not seen the original description, but Bergh (1906, pl. 31, figs. 7-12) gave 6 figures (presumably reproduced from his Ingolf Report, 1900), and Thiele (1929, fig. 521, after Bergh) figured the radula. The resemblance is close, but the present specimen appears to have no tentacles, larger lateral processes, and small differences in the radula plates. A n. sp. seems warranted and desirable.

#### **SCAPHOPODA**

## Dentaliidae

#### Dentalium eualdes n. sp.

Thick-walled, moderately curved, ribs very numerous. Ribs 16–18 on the smallest shells (30 mm), increasing to 65–85 in the largest shells; ribs subequal to the grooves in larger specimens, but in juveniles usually narrower; the interpolation of intermediaries tends to narrow the grooves, and in large shells the ribs may be at least as wide as the grooves.

Ribs extending to aperture, but in the two largest shells there is an unribbed (or with only faint traces of ribs) 'collar' 3-4 mm. long around the aperture.

Apical slit usually present, may be 5–7 mm. long; juveniles may show 2–4 elongate perforations.

86, diam. aperture 13, apex 3 mm.;  $90 \times 12.5 \times 2.75$ ;  $98 \times 14.5 \times 2.3$ ;  $99 \times 13 \times 1.75$  mm.

Dull grey, the unribbed collar, when present, white.

Radula as in salpinx.

33° 36' S., 16° 15' E., 1,520–1,570 fathoms, 8 living (Types); 33°  $45\frac{1}{2}$ ' S., 16°  $23\frac{1}{2}$ ' E., 1,480 fathoms, 1 living and 1 juv.; 33° 49' S., 16° 30' E., 1,500 fathoms, 11 living and 3 juv.; 33° 26' S., 16° 33' E., 1,300 fathoms, 1 living; 34° 37' S., 17° 03' E., 1,580–1,620 fathoms, 1 adult living, 1 juv. dead; 33° 50' S., 16° 30' E., 1,480–1,660 fathoms, 18 living, 2 dead; 33° 52' S., 16° 51' E., 1,380–1,520 fathoms, 1 living, 1 dead; 34° 05' S., 16° 58' E., 1,470–1,490 fathoms, 12 living, 1 dead; 34° 36' S., 17° 00' E., 1,500–1,760 fathoms, 1 juv.

dead (S. Afr. Mus. A9736 (Types), A9747, A9765, A9767, A9784, A9815, A9834, A9849, A9875; F. H. Talbot coll.).

*Remarks.* Grows to a larger size than *salpinx* Tomlin, and has many more ribs.

It is not *capillosum*: it is more strongly curved during early growth, and the diameter increases more rapidly. On one of the smaller examples (52 mm.) the diameter increases from 1.3 to 5.5 mm. in a length of 30 mm., whereas in a specimen of *capillosum* (identified by Tomlin) the diameter reaches only 3 mm. in the same length. These two differential characters can also be observed by superimposing the 52 mm. shell on Watson's figure of the *Challenger* example of *capillosum* (1886 pl. 1, fig. 1 *a*).

The present species is stouter than the figure of *magnificum* Smith 1898 pl. 7, figs. 5, 5a (= *vernedei* Hanley).

#### Dentalium lardum n. sp.

Moderately curved. Smooth, glossy, with fine growth-lines. Apical portion ribbed, the ribs usually extending farther on the concave side, *c*. 20, increasing to 27–30 (but somewhat obscure), obsolete on later growth. No slit or perforations. Details of the specimens as follows.

40, diam. aperture 5.5, apex 0.75 mm. Glossy white; ribbed for the apical 23 mm., faintly indicated for another 7–8 mm. on concave side, thereafter only growth-lines; ribs 20, increasing to 27.

 $49 \times 7 \times 1.3$  mm. Glossy, first two-thirds grey, thereafter white; ribs faintly visible only in the apical 10 mm.

 $50 \times 7 \times 1.5$  mm. Glossy, ivory-white; partly corroded apically, but no trace of ribs.

 $65 \times 8.5 \times 2$  mm. Glossy, grey or yellowish-grey; ribs faintly visible in apical 15–18 mm., more so on concave side than on convex, ribs c. 30 (but not easy to trace).

33° 49' S., 16° 30' E., 1,500 fathoms, 5 dead (Types); 33° 52' S., 16° 51' E., 1,380–1,520 fathoms, 2 dead; 34° 36' S., 17° 00' E., 1,500–1,760 fathoms, 1 juv. dead (S. Afr. Mus. A9768 (Types), A9835, A9876; F. H. Talbot coll.).

The specific name from the smooth, somewhat greasy appearance.

#### Dentalium sp.

One shell 7.5, one 8, one 11, one 13, and one 17 mm. long. Slightly curved. Ribs 9 on all specimens from apex onwards; at 13 mm. one intermediary begins between each pair of main ribs, and on the last 4 mm. of the 17 mm. shell there are 18 ribs, the intermediaries almost as strong as the main ribs. Apical diam. 0.4-0.5, basal diam. of 13 mm. shell 1.3, of 17 mm. shell 1.5 mm. Growth-lines but no other sculpture between the ribs.

33° 26′ S., 16° 33′ E., 1,240–1,300 fathoms, the 2 largest; 34° 37′ S., 17° 03′ E., 1,580–1,620 fathoms, 1; 34° 36′ S., 17° 00′ E., 1,500–1,760 fathoms, 1; all dead (S. Afr. Mus. A9885, A9877, A9785 resp.; F. H. Talbot coll.).

*Remarks.* Further material is desirable before a name is given to these specimens. But attention is drawn to the rather sudden doubling of the number of ribs; a larger specimen with the apical 13 or 14 mm. broken off would be regarded as an 18-ribbed species.

#### Dentalium sp.

33° 50' S., 17° 21' E., 600 fathoms, 17 dead (S. Afr. Mus. A9769, F. H. Talbot coll.).

A species with 18–22 ribs, comparable with but distinct from *plurifissuratum*. Up to 35 mm.

In this case also, more and better material seems desirable before attaching a specific name to these specimens.

#### Dentalium capense Tomlin

Dentalium capense Tomlin, 1931, p. 340.

 $33^{\circ}$  50' S., 17° 21' E., 600 fathoms, 1 living, 2 dead (S. Afr. Mus. A9770, F. H. Talbot coll.).

Previously taken by the *Pieter Faure* off Cape Point in 900 fathoms; and also off Durban in 440 fathoms.

# Cadulidae

Cadulus promontorii n. sp.

Previously taken by the Pieter Faure off Cape Point in 700 fathoms.

For description and figure see: Barnard, Contributions . . . South African Marine Mollusca, Part IV [in press].

# **CEPHALOPODA**

# Cranchiidae

Leachia cyclura Lesueur

Leachia eschscholtzii Rathke, Chun, 1910, p. 347, pl. 52, figs. 4-7.

33° 45′ S., 16° 23′ E., 1,480 fathoms, 1 specimen (S. Afr. Mus. A9749, F. H. Talbot coll.).

# LAMELLIBRANCHIATA

#### Nuculidae

Nucula (Pronucula) benguelana Clarke

(Fig. 11 *a*)

Pronucula benguelana Clarke, 1961, p. 368, pl. 3, figs. 9, 11.

Shell thin, subtriangular, not very oblique, length only slightly greater than altitude. Young shell, alt. 1 mm., large, prominent and sharply demarcated from rest of shell. Whole surface with numerous fine radiating striae, except in the positions of the lunule and escutcheon, which are otherwise undefined. Teeth anterior 7–8, posterior 6–7; ligament pit vertical to hingeline; margin internally crenulate. Length 3.75, alt. 3.5 mm. Corneous, young shell paler.

34° 26′ S., 17° 00′ E., 1,500–1,760 fathoms, 1 living (S. Afr. Mus. A9882, F. H. Talbot coll.).

30° 14′ S., 13° 3′ E., 1,703 fathoms (approx. 400 miles north-west of Cape Town) (Clarke).

*Remarks.* Somewhat similar in shape to the North Pacific *profundorum* Smith (1885, p. 229, pl. 18, fig. 13), and the striae are, in Smith's words: 'hair-like whitish lines'.



FIG. 11. a, Nucula (Pronucula) benguelana Clarke. b, Malletia estheriopsis n. sp. c, Leda parsimonia n. sp. d, Leda macella n. sp. e, Sarepta sp.

## Malletiidae

Malletia estheriopsis n. sp.

(Fig. 11 *b*)

Thin, oblong-oval, rounded at both ends, the anterior end a little less broadly rounded, posterior dorsal margin straight; umbones at anterior third, not prominent. Concentric growth-lines only. Teeth anterior 12-13, posterior 28-30, 2-3 inconspicuous teeth on each side of the interruption below the umbo; ligament entirely external, conspicuous, about  $\frac{2}{3}$  length of straight dorsal margin. Pallial sinus deep. Periostracum thin, pale yellowish. Length 15, alt. 8 mm. Siphons completely fused. Cape Point N. 70° E. 40 miles, 800 fathoms, 1 (S. Afr. Mus. P.F. coll.). 33° 50′ S., 16° 30′ E., 1,480–1,660 fathoms, 2 living (Types); 34° 36′ S., 17° 00′ E., 1,500–1,760 fathoms, 2 living; 34° 33′ S., 16° 43′ E., 1,770–1,880 fathoms, 1 living; 34° 05′ S., 16° 58′ E., 1,470–1,490 fathoms, 3 living (S. Afr. Mus. A9817 (Types), A9880, A9890, and A9891 respectively; F. H. Talbot coll.).

*Remarks*. These specimens seem to differ from other species in their bean-like shape, rounded at both ends. Jeffreys (1879, p. 573) said his *Silicula fragilis* was like an Estheria (Crustacea, Conchostraca), but these specimens qualify even better for the epithet.

Conchologically they closely resemble the Arctic *obtusa* Sars (1878, p. 41, pl. 19, figs. 3a-c) but are not so obtuse and truncate posteriorly. Geographically, the nearest species is *pallida* Smith 1885 (p. 246, pl. 20, figs. 8, 8 *a*) from 2,250 fathoms between Tristan da Cunha and the Cape.

#### Ledidae

## Leda parsimonia n. sp.

# (Fig. 11 c)

Triangular, almost equilateral, umbones only slightly nearer to the anterior end; rounded at both ends. Middle of later part of shell with concentric pliculae, closer together near the margin, rest of shell with growth-lines only. Teeth 12 anterior, 15 posterior, with a few minute ones on each side of ligament pit. Pallial sinus very shallow. Length 13.25, alt. 8.25 mm. Yellowish-brown, glossy. Animal decomposed; siphons?

33° 50′ S., 16° 30′ E., 1,480–1,660 fathoms, 1 living (S. Afr. Mus. A9818, F. H. Talbot coll.).

Remarks. Resembles Yoldia semisculpta Thiele in being only partially plicate, but differs in shape, and does not gape.

Leda macella n. sp. (Fig. II d)

Rostrate, anterior end broadly rounded, dorsal posterior margin straight (or very slightly concave), rostrum angular above, obliquely truncate, umbones at anterior  $\frac{2}{5}$  of length. Border of lunule from umbo to upper corner of rostrum curved. Concentric growth-lines only, some on the later part of shell coarser than the others. Teeth at shell length 12 mm. 12–13 anterior, 14 posterior, increasing to 15–16 and 16–17 respectively, with a few minute ones on each side of the ligament pit. Pallial sinus moderately deep. No ridge on inner side of rostrum below, and parallel to the posterior series of teeth. Periostracum thin, yellowish or olivaceous brown. Length 20, alt. 10.5, thickness (valves together) 8 mm.

33° 26' S., 16° 33' E., 1,240–1,300 fathoms, 1 living; 33°  $45\frac{1}{2}$ ' S., 16°  $23\frac{1}{2}$ ' E., 1,480 fathoms, 1 living; 33° 50' S., 16° 30' E., 1,480–1,660 fathoms,

1 living; 34° 05′ S., 16° 58′ E., 1,470–1,490 fathoms, a lot living (Types) (S. Afr. Mus. A9729, A9751, A9819, and A9851 (Types); F. H. Talbot coll.).

*Remarks.* Similar in shape to *prostrata* Thiele 1931 and *silicula* Thiele 1931, but not so strongly nor so narrowly rostrate, and the rostrum is obliquely truncate; no longitudinal ridge on inside of rostrum; and the number of posterior teeth is less, in conformity with the shorter rostrum.

L. prostrata came from 981 metres in the middle of the South Atlantic  $(25^{\circ} 25' \text{ S.}, 6^{\circ} 12' \text{ E.})$ , and silicula from 400-463 metres off the East African coast.

# Sarepta sp.

# (Fig. 11 e)

Interior not nacreous (but only one dead valve present). Oval, not very oblique, length greater than altitude; posterior margin convex. Concentric ridges over whole surface. No lunule. Teeth anterior 12, posterior 10. Ligament pit minute. Margin internally smooth. Length 5, alt. 4 mm.

34° 26′ S., 17° 00′ E., 1,500–1,760 fathoms, 1 valve (S. Afr. Mus. A9881, F. H. Talbot coll.).

# Limopsidae

#### Limopsis cf. straminea Smith

Limopsis straminea Smith 1885, p. 255, pl. 18, figs. 5, 5 a.

Shell oblique, length greater than altitude; anterior margin convex, posterior margin nearly straight in upper half. Umbo slightly nearer to anterior end of hinge-line. Concentric lirae, and fine radial striae marking the insertion of the bristles. Internally smooth, no radial ridges, and no marginal crenulations; no thickened pad at posterior adductor scar. Lower margin of hinge slightly concave, very narrowly separated from ligament pit. Teeth interrupted, in juv. up to 10 mm. 4–5, later 5–7 on each side (occasionally 8 on posterior side), the posterior ones slightly more oblique than the anterior ones.

Length 27-28, alt. 24-25, width (valves together) 10-11 mm.

Foot with posterior process; byssus rudimentary.

33° 26′ S., 16° 33′ E., 1,240–1,300 fathoms, 3 living; 33° 26′ S., 16° 15′ E., 1,520–1,570 fathoms, 17 living; 33°  $45\frac{1}{2}$ ′ S., 16°  $23\frac{1}{2}$ ′ E., 1,480 fathoms 12 living; 33° 49′ S., 16° 30′ E., 1,500 fathoms, 10 living; 34° 37′ S., 17° 03′ E., 1,580–1,620 fathoms, 3 living; 33° 50′ S., 16° 30′ E., 1,480–1,660 fathoms, 6 living, 5 valves; 34° 05′ S., 16° 58′ E., 1,470–1,490 fathoms, 34 living, 4 valves; 34° 36′ S., 17° 00′ E., 1,500–1,760 fathoms, 2 living, one valve (S. Afr. Mus. A9727, A9739, A9750, A9766, A9786, A9816, A9850, A9879; F. H. Talbot coll.).

*Remarks.* In juveniles up to about 10 mm. long the obliquity of the shell is not so noticeable as in larger shells; and the lower margin of the hinge is not so narrowly separated from the ligament pit.

Assigning a specific name to these shells is difficult. A valve superimposed on Smith's figure of *straminea* agrees exactly in shape. The number of teeth is 'about 12'. Smith did not mention whether the margin was internally crenulate, but presumably it was not (he was dubious about this as a specific character: p. 257): he gave no internal view of the shell.

L. straminea was taken between Kerguelen and Heard Islands at only 150 fathoms; nevertheless the present shells may be conspecific.

# Ungulinidae

#### Thyasira investigatoris (Smith)

Cryptodon investigatoris Smith, 1895, p. 13, pl. 2, figs. 6, 6 a; 1897, Moll. pl. 3, figs. 2-2 b. Thyasira investigatoris (Smith) Thiele & Jaeckel, 1931, p. 218.

 $33^{\circ}$  50' S., 17° 21' E., 600 fathoms, 1 right value (S. Afr. Mus. A9708, F. H. Talbot coll.).

Previously taken (one specimen) by the *Pieter Faure* off Cape Point in 720–800 fathoms.

#### Semelidae

#### Abra longicallus (Scacchi)

Abra longicallis [sic] Sars, 1878, p. 74, pl. 6, figs. 3 *a-c*; pl. 20, fig. 4. Syndesmya longicallus Scacchi, Dautzenberg, 1927, p. 333.

Agreeing with Sars's description and figures. Length 13, alt. 9 mm. Up to 25 mm. (Sars).

33° 50' S., 17° 21' E., 600 fathoms, 1 living, 2 dead; 34° 26' S., 17° 00' E., 1,500–1,760 fathoms, 1 living (S. Afr. Mus. A9709, A9889; coll. F. H. Talbot, Aug. and Dec. 1959).

Distribution. Arctic and North Atlantic, Mediterranean, Canaries, Azores; Gulf of Mexico; 20–2,435 fathoms (Jeffreys).

# Verticordiidae

## Halicardia flexuosa (Verrill & Smith)

Halicordia [sic] flexuosa (Verrill & Smith), Tomlin, 1937, p. 23, fig. 1 (references).

33° 50′ S., 17° 21′ E., 600 fathoms, 1 living (S. Afr. Mus. A9707, F. H. Talbot coll.).

The Pieter Faure took 2 dead specimens off Cape Point in 460-650 fathoms.

## Cuspidariidae

#### Cuspidaria spp.

Until better material is obtained it is not advisable to attach definite names to these specimens.

33° 50′ S., 17° 21′ E., 600 fachoms, 1 living (S. Afr. Mus. A9710, F. H. Talbot coll.).

 $13 \times 7.5 \times 6$  mm. Similar in shape to the Atlantic *claviculata* Dall and *congenita* Smith, but has no 'clavicle'; and to the South Australian *meridionalis* Smith.

34° 37′ S., 17° 03′ E., 1,580–1,620 fathoms, 2 right values (one of them broken); 34° 36′ S., 17° 00′ E., 1,500–1,760 fathoms, one broken left value (S. Afr. Mus. A9787 and A9878, F. H. Talbot coll.).

The complete right valve is  $40 \times 25$  mm., the broken left valve is at least 30 mm. alt. Compare: *maxima* Dautzenberg & Fischer from the Azores, 1,850 metres. Surface smooth, growth-lines only. Posterior lateral tooth in right valve forms a thickened, sausage-like ridge; the ligament pit is scarcely visible as it lies in a plane almost perpendicular to the sagittal plane of the valve.

#### SUMMARY

A collection of deep-sea mollusca from west of Cape Point, South Africa, in depths between 600 and 1,880 fathoms is described. The collection comprises approximately 590 specimens of approximately 78 species including 25 new species.

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